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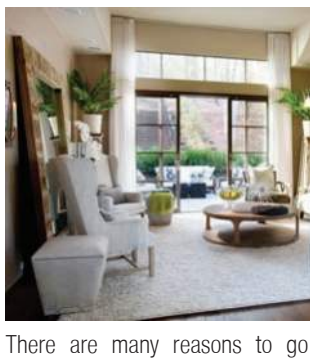

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House override looms

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» Active employees prepare to lobby
» Lawmakers who voted 'no' to bill stand firm

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed "with regret" yesterday afternoon the contentious House Bill 17-226, which would allow non-retired members of the NMI Retirement Fund's defined benefit plan to withdraw up to 50 percent of their contributions. House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), who authored the bill, said he will push for an override of the governor's veto.

Fitial

Some lawmakers interviewed yesterday either support or oppose an override of HB 17-226's veto.

Non-retired Fund members, however, are poised to lobby lawmakers to override the veto action.

Under the vetoed bill, active members of the Fund would be allowed to take back up to 50 percent of their employee contributions regardless of years of service and without penalty or the need for them to quit their job. The rest of their employee contributions will be rolled over to the Fund's defined contribution plan.

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BY LETTING GO OF MALAE

'We're making a big mistake'

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Lawmakers heading committees with oversight on public utilities and transportation said yesterday that the CNMI is losing a valuable asset in Abe Malae, who resigned as Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director soon after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial declared a state of emergency for CUC.

Malae

"We are making a big mistake in accepting Mr. Malae's resignation," said Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), chair of the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications.

Ayuyu pointed out that it was Malae who got the CNMI out of rolling blackouts.

"The only problem is finances and our government is part of that problem because it has not been paying CUC for their utility billings," he said.

Ayuyu said Malae shares the Fitial administration's hope of making available renewable energy in the CNMI so that residential and commercial consumers will see a significant reduction in their

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TOP GUN

Police officer Jason Tarkong, a certified firearm instructor, observes one of the participants in the Top Gun competition team category yesterday at the Department of Public Safety's shooting range in San Juan. Commonwealth Ports Authority's Capt. Juan Rebuenog won the Top Gun champion in the individual category, while his CPA team defended its title in the team category. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Pool access for the disabled sparks controversy

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration is sidestepping an election-year confrontation with the hotel industry and other pool owners to give them more time to comply with access rules for the disabled.

The rules have been in the works since the early 1990s, but the Justice Department created an uproar among hotels, waterparks, health clubs and the like earlier this year when it said it will require many such facilities to install fixed, permanent lifts to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

After initially setting a March 15 deadline—and telling the industry it wouldn't budge—the department has granted two extensions. After first saying it might grant a reprieve until September, Justice announced last week that pool owners won't have to comply with the new requirements until early next year, a move that gets the controversy safely past the election.

At issue is whether hotels and other facilities will have to install fixed, per-

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Local

Man pleads not guilty to illegal attempt to enter Guam

One of two Chinese nationals accused of trying to sneak into Guam from Rota using a rubber boat has pleaded not guilty.

Jingzhi Zheng appeared with court-appointed counsel, Bruce Berline, for his initial appearance and arraignment Thursday afternoon in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Zheng pleaded not guilty to the charge of "entering the U.S. by willfully false and misleading representation and willful concealment of material fact."

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the bench trial for July 30, 2012, and the detention hearing for Wednesday, May 30, at 9am.

Zheng was remanded back into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

According to court papers, the 24-year-old Zheng has been in administrative custody of the Homeland Security Investigations since his arrest on April 23, 2012.

It is not clear yet whether charges were filed or will be filed against Zheng's companion, Jingqiang Huang.

According to the charging document, Zheng entered Saipan on April 4, 2012, stating he was a tourist and was going to return to China on April 9, 2012.

Zheng, however, secretly intended to travel from Rota to Guam by inflatable boat and, once in Guam, to remain there, according to assistant U.S. attorney Ross K. Naughton.

On April 22, 2012, Department of Public Safety Boating Safety officers in Rota responded to a distressed inflatable boat two miles off the shores of Rota.

The officers located the boat and rescued the two passengers, later identified as Zheng and Huang. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

US Trustee says Fund changes focus from the proper issue

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The NMI Retirement Fund's arguments in its opposition to the motions to dismiss its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case change the focus from the proper issue, according to the U.S. Trustee for the District of the CNMI.

In particular, Assistant U.S. Trustee Curtis Ching took issue with the Fund's argument that it does not perform a "traditional government function."

This contention incorrectly attempts to divert the legal standard away from whether the Fund is an "instrumentality" of the CNMI to whether the Fund is a "municipality," said Ching in the Trustee's reply to the Fund's response to the motions to dismiss the bankruptcy petition.

The Fund's objection, Ching said, overlooks the decision in the *Pangelinan vs. Fund* case in which the CNMI Supreme Court held that the Fund is a "governmental entity" that is entitled to sovereign immunity.

Ching pointed out that since only the sovereign can claim sovereign immunity, the CNMI Supreme Court's ruling puts to rest the issue of whether the Fund is a "governmental unit" that is entitled to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Attorney Bruce Jorgensen's group, the counsel for two unnamed retirees, first brought up the motion to dismiss on the ground that the Fund's structure and statutory existence makes it a "governmental unit" of the CNMI.

The U.S. Trustee made a similar motion, followed by two retirees and members of the NMI Retirement, former Tinian senator Esteven M. King, the CNMI government itself, and the Commonwealth Ports Authority, all essentially citing the same grounds.

Fund counsel Braddock J. Huesman insists that the Fund is not a governmental unit and the federal court should not dismiss its Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition.

In the U.S. Trustee's reply yesterday, Ching said the Fund is an "instrumentality of…a Commonwealth" and so is a "governmental unit" excluded from Chapter 11 eligibility.

Ching said the Fund serves a very basic governmental purpose—to fulfill the constitutional requirement of providing a retirement system for government workers.

"The CNMI created the [Fund] and enacted detailed legislation for the purpose of fulfilling Article 3, Section 20 of the CNMI Constitution. As such, it is instrumentality of the CNMI," Ching added.

PINNING CEREMONY NMC
Northern Marianas College nursing graduates pose for a group photo with nursing instructor John W. Cox (second row, second from left) after their recent pinning ceremony. A pinning ceremony is a traditional welcoming of graduate nurses into the nursing profession by faculty of the nursing program and others in the nursing profession.

Public library acquires new books

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The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library has 49 new titles recently added to its collection, according to Children's Library associate Erlinda Naputi.

Naputi said yesterday that some of these books were donated by a long-time library donor who wishes to remain anonymous while most of them arrived within the month as part of a "loan service" with McNaughton Adult High Demand Selections.

One of the books, *The Master Blaster*, has about three copies, two of which will be delegated to the Pacific Collections since it talks about Saipan.

"Majority of the books we get are highly requested or popular authors among our patrons," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "All these new arrivals can be borrowed by anyone who has a library card.

NMI Chapter gets Gold Excel Award from SHRM

The Society for Human Resource Management in Alexandria, VA has awarded the Gold Excel Award designation to the NMI Chapter for its scope of work achieved in 2011.

The Excel Award is the recognition component of the SHRM Affiliate Program for Excellence or SHAPE. SHAPE measures include alignment with SHRM's overall objectives, strategic focus and initiatives as well as promoting the HR profession at the local level.

"This recognition demonstrates both the leadership and the successful partnership the chapter has with SHRM to serve the networking and professional development needs of human resource professionals and to the advancement of the human resources profession," said Pamela J. Green, SPHR, vice president, U.S. Membership for SHRM.

"This award designation is truly evident of the hard work of our 2011 board members. Thank you to our 2011 board members: Debra T. Camacho (Pacific Trading Co.), Nora Mae Sablan (TakeCare/FHP), Ernie Lacorte (SDA Clinic), Malou Ernest (Tan Holdings), Josephine Mesta (Hyatt), Eric Plinske (StayWell Insurance) and Frank Gibson (HR Support)," states Polly DLG. Masga, the chapter's 2011 president.

In recognition of this award, the NMI Chapter receives a certificate of recognition, a specialized banner to display at its meetings and events, and is being recognized in SHRM's publications and at its conferences.

The Society for Human Resource Management is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 250,000 members in over 140 countries, and more than 575 affiliated chapters. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, visit their website at http://nmichapter.shrm.org. ***(SHRM)***

NEW TITLES

101 Ways to be Smart About Money by Rebecca Vickers
The 17-day Diet Cookbook: 80 All New Recipes for Healthy Weight by Mike Moreno
Alterant by Sherrilyn Kenyon and Dianna Love
Apocalypse by Troy Denning
Catch Me by Lisa Gardner
CelebraTORI: Unleashing Your Inner Party Planner by Tori Spelling
Celebrity in Death by J.D. Robb
Chomp by Carl Hiaasen
Dead is a Battlefield by Marlene Perez
Death Comes Silently by Carolyn Hart
Death of Kings: A Novel by Bernard Cornwell
Defending Jacob by William Landay
Do Yourself a Favor... Forgive: Learn How to Take Control of Your Life by Joyce Meyer
Everlasting by Elizabeth Chandler
Faery Tales & Nightmares by Melissa Marr
The Family Greene by Ann Rinaldi
The First Assassin by John J. Miller
Foreign Bodies by Cynthia Ozick
Hard Knocks by Howie Carr
Home Front by Kristin Hannah
Honky Tonk Girl: My Life in Lyrics by Loretta Lynn
Infamous by Sherrilyn Kenyon
Inheritance: Or, the Vault of Souls by Christopher Paolini
Kill Shot: An American Assassin Thriller by Vince Flynn
Kill Shot by Vince Flynn
Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult
The Man in the High Castle by Philip K. Dick
Mrs. Kennedy and Me by Clint Hill with Lisa McCubin
Out of Sight, Out of Time by Ally Carter
Perfect Blood by Kim Harrison
Private Games by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan
Rescue by Anita Shreve
A Rising Thunder by David Weber
Ruby Redfort, Look Into My Eyes by Lauren Child
The Shoemaker's Wife by Adriana Trigiani
Sidney Sheldon's Angel of the Dark by Tilly Bagshawe
A Singular Woman: The Untold Story of Barack Obama by Janny Scott
Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal
Taken by Robert Crais
The Thief: An Isaac Bell Adventure by Clive Cussler
The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht
To Selena, With Love by Chris Perez
Trickle Down Tyranny: Crushing Obama's Dreams of the Socialist States of America by Michael Savage
Victims: An Alex Delaware Novel by Jonathan Kellerman
Weeknights with Giada: Quick and Simple Recipes to Revamp Dinner by Giada De Laurentis
White House Burning: The Founding Fathers, Our National Debt, and Why It Matters to You by Simob Johnson and James Kwak
The Wolf Gift by Anne Rice
The Woman Who Wasn't There: The True Story of an Incredible Deception by Robin Gaby Fisher and Angelo J. Guglielmo
The Master Blaster by P.F. Kluge

Rebuenog is this year's Top Gun; CPA defends title

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Commonwealth Ports Authority's Capt. Juan Rebuenog is this year's Top Gun champion while his CPA team defended its title in the team category.

Rebuenog bested 14 other participants from different law enforcement agencies during the joint federal and local law enforcement's annual Top Gun competition held yesterday at the Department of Public Safety's shooting range in San Juan.

CPA's main team—composed of Rebuenog, Capt. Joe Palacios, and police officers Manny Degracia and Jason Cruz—emerged champion again by defeating five other teams. CPA fielded a second team.

Police officer Rhonda John was the only participant in the individual female competition.

In the individual category using s .9mm pistol, Rebuenog grabbed first place with his 56:97 time. Division of Fish and Wildlife's Anthony Mareham came second with 54:63 time.

As the time was too close, organizers decided to have another round between the two. Rebuenog remained steady by registering a time of 55:97, while Mareham dropped to 59:97, allowing Rebuenog to grab the title.

In the four-member team competition, Rebuenog joined the defending champion CPA team to defeat five other teams with a time of 3 minutes and 10 seconds.

The DPS team was second with a time of 3 minutes and 53 seconds.

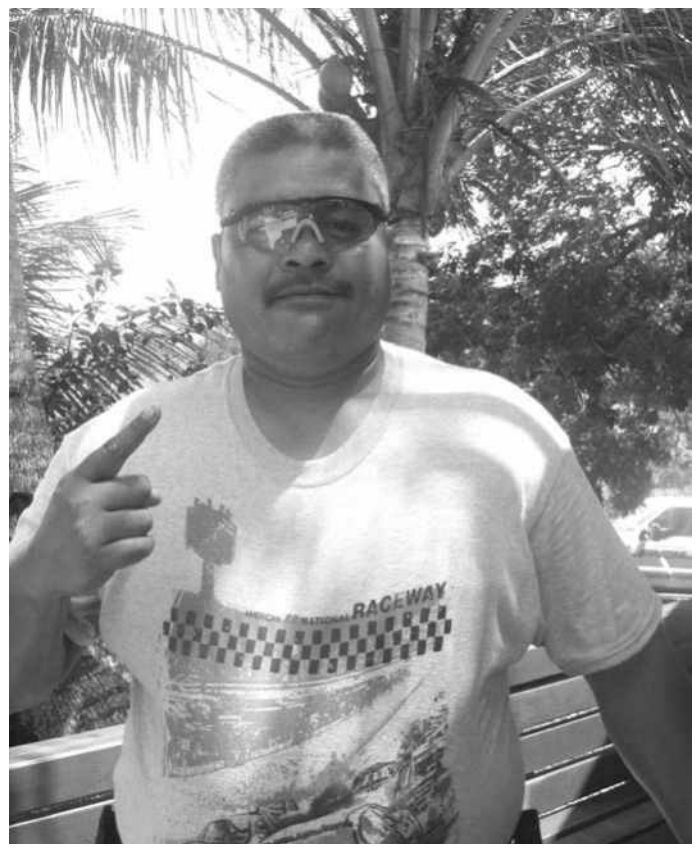
In the team competition, the participants fired a rifle, a shotgun, a submachine gun, and a .9 mm pistol.

It is CPA's sixth year in a row to win the plum since the Top Gun competition was launched in February 2006. There was no competition last year.

Police officer Jason Tarkong and police officer 2 David Hosono said they eliminated firearm instructors from joining this year's competition to encourage more participants. Tarkong and Hosono are both certified firearm instructors.

The FBI did not join this year because some of the agents are certified firearm instructors. Immigration and Customs Enforcement fielded two agents in the individual competition.

Rebuenog received a trophy, while CPA kept the perpetual trophy and bragging rights.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Commonwealth Ports Authority's Capt. Juan Rebuenog is this year's Top Gun champion.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tanapag center painting today

The Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw, in partnership with the Office of the Mayor of Saipan and the Tanapag Parish Council, is looking for volunteers to help complete the painting of the Tanapag Community Center (across the Tanapag Church) today, May 26, 2012, from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Paints and brushes will be provided but you may bring your own paint brush. Lunch will also be provided. For more information, call 322-0278. ***(PR)***

Aquaculture execs on Marianas Agupa

Today, May 26, 2012, Marianas Agupa will feature Michael M. Ogo from CREES and board members of the CNMI Aquaculture Producers Association to talk about the Aquaculture Workforce Development Program between 10am and 10:30am. The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. Listeners on Saipan, Tinian and Rota and those listening via streaming are encouraged to call in and ask questions during the show (direct to studio at 234-5929 or via instant messaging on Marianas Agupa Facebook account). Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. ***(PR)***

Japanese group sets cleanup today

A Japanese group called Nenpou Shinkyou will be doing a cleanup around Banzai Cliff and Last Command Post today, May 26, 2012, at 10am. About 70 members of the group will take part in the cleanup. They are inviting members of the CNMI community to take part in the cleanup with them. The group will also hold a peace memorial ceremony the following day, 10am, at Marpi. ***(PR)***

Red Cross annual meeting

The NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross is having their annual meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Chapter office on Airport Road. All volunteers, donors, and others interested in the Red Cross are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to hold elections of the voting members of its board of directors, review reports by Chapter directors, and transact other business as it may come before the meeting. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Chapter office at 234-3459. ***(PR)***

Advance Excel seminar today

For a minimal registration fee, MIFICPA will hold an Advance Excel Seminar today, May 26, 2012, from 1pm to 5pm at POLO. For more information, contact Noli Santos, (president) at 285-6810 (nolsantos@yahoo.com) or the following officers: Aileen Indino (287-0305, aileenrindino@yahoo.com); or Butch Ordas (789-9276, butchordas@yahoo.com). ***(PR)***

DEQ sets COP beach cleanup next Saturday

The Division of Environmental Quality's cleanup brigade will be picking up trash at Coral Ocean Point Beach on Saipan on June 2, 2012, at 8am. If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the beach entrance parking lot. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(DEQ)***

NMC School of Education Open House next Friday

The Northern Marianas College School of Education is hosting an Open House for those who are considering teaching as a profession. Participants of the Open House can learn about new scholarship opportunities like the TEACH Grant Program, the four different academic concentrations available at the School of Education, and other program features. The free Open House will be held on Friday, June 1, 2012, at NMC's Building J from 4pm to 6pm. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the event, contact 234-5498 Ext. 2234. ***(PR)***

Resolution wants proper recognition of Challenger Deep site

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Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) has pre-filed a resolution urging the accurate location attribution of Challenger Deep or the Marianas Trench in order to create widespread awareness of the CNMI, Guam, and Micronesia.

Palacios, in his House Resolution 17-102, said that by having this accurate location attribution, the region will be able to secure potential economic benefits for the CNMI, Guam and Micronesia "whose homeland has encompassed the Marianas Trench for thousands of years."

Among these benefits is financial and royalties from National Geographic, Hollywood director James Cameron and others.

Challenger Deep, at 35,755 feet, is the deepest known point in the world. Its depth surpasses the height of Mt. Everest by an incredible 1 mile. It has been and continues to be one of the most newsworthy of the Earth's natural features to be explored in the last 60 years.

Palacios, in his five-page resolution, said National Geographic and Hollywood director James Cameron and similar individuals and entities, their production partners, content distributors, financial partners, licensees and licenses, have established potentially lucrative business ventures by exploring Challenger Deep.

He said no known residual structure or stakeholder plan has been established, offered or required by these entities, on behalf of the Micronesian people.

Palacios said Guam has always served as a launching point for the exploration of Challenger Deep as it lies only 200 nautical miles from Guam's coastline, beginning in 1958 with the first exploration by Jacques Piccard of Switzerland and the U.S. Navy, resulting in a successful dive by the bathyscaphe *Trieste* on Jan. 23, 1960.

"Additional survey of the lexicon of communications online and in print suggests a critical lack of attribution to Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Micronesia as the region encompassing the location of the Challenger Deep, which serves to inhibit Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Micronesia from deriving potential economic benefits from their geographic location in relation to the Trench," the resolution says.

The CNMI, as a Commonwealth of the U.S., and Guam, as a U.S. territory, are excluded from establishing and collecting fees directly from any exploration of the Marianas Trench and Challenger Deep.

In Nepal, for example, they charge fees from $25,000 for a one-member expedition to $70,000 for seven-member expeditions to reach Mt. Everest.

"The people of the CNMI, Guam and Micronesia deserve to be compensated by the exploitation of their natural treasures and resources inasmuch as others, such as National Geographic and James Cameron, will surely benefit," it adds.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) plans to call for a House session next week, and Palacios said yesterday he will introduce his HR 17-102.

MISTAKE

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utility billings.

"But Mr. Malae wants to make sure the renewable energy contracts that will be awarded will really be to the advantage of CUC and the CNMI. Who's going to make sure of that to protect customers in the long run? I hope the governor will look deeper into that instead of just awarding renewable energy contracts," he said.

The Fitial administration wants renewable energy contracts to be awarded much faster than the current pace.

Malae said Thursday that the governor is correct about the slowness of the renewable energy development, but said this is because legal counsels are just trying to protect the interests of the CNMI.

"You don't want residents 10 years from now complaining about the foolhardiness of a 20-year supply contract," he had said.

Malae's resignation takes effect 30 days from May 24, 2012.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's PUTC Committee, echoed Ayuyu's sentiment that Malae helped solve the rolling blackouts and stabilized the CNMI's power supply.

"We're losing a very big asset in Abe Malae. He did his job to get us out of rolling blackouts. His job is not finished and there are other things he wants to do to further improve utilities. It's unfortunate he has to leave," Dela Cruz said.

He said he is also concerned that Wallon Young, whom he described as "power plant guru," might also leave CUC.

"What I'm afraid of is that we'll go back to the rolling blackouts era," he added.

Malae is the former executive director of the American Samoa Power Authority and also served as president of the Development Bank of American Samoa.

Malae, who holds the Samoan chiefly title of Utu, holds a master's degree in physical chemistry from Iowa State University's School of Science and Technology. He also has a master's degree in public works administration, as well as civil engineering, from the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

He ran for governor of American Samoa in 2008 but he lost to incumbent Gov. Togiola Tulafono. A year later, he left his American Samoa Senate seat to accept the CUC position after the CNMI government asked for his help to turn around the troubled CUC.

Fitial named CUC deputy executive director Alan W. Fletcher as acting CUC executive director effective immediately.

The governor said he accepted Malae's resignation "because I believe a change in leadership is necessary for four reasons."

These include the utility rates that are among the highest in the United States, the high utility costs' crippling impact on the economy, not seeing evidence of aggressive action to seek out viable alternative energy sources that would provide cheaper power, and not seeing any prospect for change in the approach to these issues.

POOL

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manent lifts to assist disabled people getting in and out of their pools, a move that requires hiring a contractor and tearing up the pool deck at a cost of as much as $6,000.

Many pool owners were hoping to comply with the rules by purchasing less costly portable lifts that could be wheeled out to poolside as needed. Hotel owners who already have lifts say few of their customers ever ask for them.

Advocates for the disabled are frustrated by the delay, saying it means another summer swim season without lifts at most pools. They accused the hotel industry of creating an 11th hour tempest to undo rules that have been in the making since the Clinton administration.

"It's a little disingenuous to say that came out of nowhere," said Heather Ansley, a lawyer with United Spinal Association.

But they're pleased that Justice isn't caving to demands that everybody be allowed to get by with portable lifts.

"They've been trying to duck it for 10 years, and the agency keeps putting it off, putting it off," said Rep. Jerold Nadler, D-N.Y. "Enough already."

Disabled people complain that in cities where lifts are already required, portable lifts are often stowed away and that not all employees know how to operate them. And they say that the hotel and motel industry has a long record of trying to evade access rules for the disabled, sometimes waiting to be sued before complying.

HOUSE

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Fitial said that Section 4 of the bill, for example, would require an additional expenditure of over $80 million when the projected resource available for government operations is only $102 million.

Joe Pangelinan, one of the leaders of non-retired members of the Fund, said yesterday that all signs pointed to the governor's veto so he's not surprised that Fitial actually did so, adding that his group will lobby the Legislature to override the veto.

"The only option now is lobby the legislators for an override. I'm happy that the speaker did not recall it and stood his ground," Pangelinan told *Saipan Tribune.*

Cabrera, in an interview, said he hopes there's enough support for an override of the veto to help employees and their families cope with the financial crisis. He pointed out that many people have already lost their homes or cars because they could hardly afford paying their mortgage when their work hours are cut by 16 percent biweekly.

"Scholarship money is not reaching their kids. Utility rates are among the highest in the United States. Fuel cost on Saipan is still within the $5 range. These are just but a few of the difficulties our people are dealing with. HB 17-226 will help them access their own money. For years, they have been good payers to the institution and now they really need money to help them survive," the speaker said.

Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos on Friday last week asked Cabrera to recall HB 17-226 and at the time, Cabrera said he would. But after consultation with affected individuals and further consideration of the bill, Cabrera later decided to not recall the bill and allow the governor to act on it.

The Fitial administration said the bill does not help the government's plan to return to the U.S. Social Security system.

The cash-strapped Retirement Fund sought bankruptcy protection on April 17.

Fitial's concerns

Fitial, in his two-page veto message to Cabrera and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), cited two main concerns with HB 17-226, including the preservation of legislative authority and increased benefits.

"I believe, in the near future, I will have the privilege of signing a substantially similar legislative enactment; however, at this time, I must, with regret, return this with veto. Notwithstanding this action, I and my administration stand ready to work with you on solutions," Fitial said.

Fitial, however, said he supports the bill's sound policy objectives. He said the bill provides for access now to needed financial resources to people who need them. It has a further policy objective of reducing the future members of the defined contribution plan, and will lower future costs to the CNMI, he added.

The governor said Section 4 of the bill removes authority from the Legislature and places it with an actuary. Such an action, he said, creates a two-track budgetary.

"Just as a person can only serve one master, the budget process needs a unity of command," he said.

The governor said on a practical matter, this same provision would require an expenditure of over $80 million. "Such an expenditure is not feasible when the overall revenue forecast is only for a total of $102 million," he added.

Section 4 of HB 17-226 amends 1 CMC section 8362. It reads (a) Each branch of government, autonomous agencies, instrumentalities and public corporations shall make contributions to the Fund each year on an actuarially funded basis toward the annuities and benefits provided for this part. These contributions shall be equal to the sum of the following…"

The governor said Section 7 of the bill extends a new period of three additional years to take an early retirement with a full pension by paying the Class II contribution rate. This change has the effect of repealing Public Law 15-70.

"While we all desire to serve the needs of the people and increase benefits, we simply cannot afford to do so at this time," he added.

Fitial said there are other technical issues that can be resolved in the future. However, these are technical, not policy matters, he said.

"As noted, while we may have somewhat different ways to solve issues, we share substantially similar policy objectives," Fitial added.

It all boils down to numbers

An override needs at least 16 "yes" votes from the 20-member House and six "yes" votes from the nine-member Senate, lawmakers said yesterday.

In the House, the compromise version of HB 17-226 passed by a vote of 13-6. In the Senate, it passed by a 7-0 vote.

Cabrera, the bill's author, plans to call a session next week to entertain an override of the bill's veto.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) said he supports an override, adding that active members also have to be protected and HB 17-226 is a major way to do that.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) said, "There's no override for me." Camacho had voted for the bill.

Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), one of the six House members who voted "no" to HB 17-226, said it's sad that many people were hoping that HB 17-226 would pass.

"No doubt that if it becomes law, it will help them. But as a lawmaker, my job is not only to look at what's in front of us, but also look at the future. When these people get older, they will not have any financial protection, any security when they need it most," he said.

Demapan said he has been consistent with his "no" vote even when HB 17-226 was bouncing back and forth between the House and Senate.

"The administration has a plan to ensure everyone is helped, and this is about going back to Social Security system," he said.

House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), who both voted "no" to HB 17-226, separately said they will vote the same should it be presented for override.

"From the very beginning, I believe it will only accelerate the demise of the Fund, plus we need to give the negotiations with the U.S. Social Security Administration a chance and having the funds for the buyback is crucial," he added.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), for his part, said the bill went through a conference committee so that same committee should again work on the bill first and then recommend to the House and Senate what to do with the vetoed bill.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), also among those who voted "no" to the bill, said he does not support an override.

"This will make me look hypocritical and I don't want to be labeled as a hypocrite. You should be asking this question to those who voted to pass HB 17-226. My prediction is that they won't have the appetite to override the veto," he said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan had said that the Fitial administration made it very clear to lawmakers that it would be best if HB 17-226 is recalled so that amendments can be made to it in order for the intent of the bill to be conducive to the ongoing negotiations between the administration and the Social Security Administration on the matter of having active government employees opt back into the social security program.

'Request to AG'

The governor said he normally does not ask the Office of the Attorney General to work on pending legislation because the office provides advice on legislation submitted to him for final approval.

In this instance, however, the governor said the issues are of such importance that they must work together, and quickly, to address these public concerns.

"Accordingly, I will ask the attorney general to be available to work with you in such a manner as you may deem helpful and appropriate," he added.

‘One typhoon may possibly hit NMI, Guam directly this year’

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One typhoon will possibly hit the CNMI and Guam directly this year, according to Weather Forecast Office Guam warning coordination meteorologist Charles “Chip” Guard on Thursday.

Guard said there will probably be three typhoons this year and one of the islands in the Marianas region may get a direct hit.

“But it’s not a supertyphoon…probably just a category 1 or two typhoon,” he said.

Guard said the best chance of a direct hit will be in June through September, and in October through December.

Guard was the lecturer at the Emergency Management Office’s two-day Annual National Weather Service Tropical Cyclone, Disaster Preparedness, and Climate Workshop that kicked off Tuesday at LaoLao Bay Golf Resort Saipan’s Caladium Banquet Hall.

On Thursday, Guard held a three-hour disaster preparedness course with the media at the EMO Building on Capital Hill.

One of the many topics that Guard discussed was the predicted typhoon risk for islands from June 2012 through May 2013.

He said in June through September, there will be a 25-percent chance of tropical cyclone risk for the CNMI/Guam. In October through December, the chance of typhoon risk is 30 percent.

Guard said in January 2013 to March 2013 the chance is 15 percent, while in April 2013 through July 2013 the chance is only 10 percent.

“We have a chance of getting hit by a typhoon every five years,” he said, citing that Typhoon Chaba directly hit Rota in 2004 and another in 2002.

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Weather Forecast Office Guam warning coordination meteorologist Charles “Chip” Guard conducts disaster preparedness course for the media on Thursday at the Emergency Management Office building on Capital Hill.

NMC clarifies eligibility rule for TEACH grant program

The Northern Marianas College recently clarified the eligibility of students for the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education grant program.

It was misreported in a previously published article that students who qualify to receive the TEACH Grant include non U.S. citizens. However, the college emphasized that students eligible to receive this grant must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen with a green card or U.S. permanent resident status.

The TEACH grant program provides funds to students who are completing or who plan to complete coursework that is required to begin a career in teaching, and who agree to teach full-time for at least four years as a highly qualified teacher at a school or educational service agency servicing low-income students, and in a high-need field.

The four years of teaching must be completed within eight years after students complete the program for which they received a TEACH Grant. NMC students will be able to avail of this grant in the upcoming Fall 2012 semester.

The program provides grants of up to $4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.

High-need fields are subject areas that include Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Reading Specialist, Science, and Special Education.

To be eligible for the TEACH Grant, students must:

■ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, although you do not have to demonstrate financial need.

■ Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen (U.S. permanent resident or green card holder).

■ Be enrolled as an undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, or graduate student in a postsecondary educational institution that has chosen to participate in the TEACH Grant Program.

■ Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework. Such coursework may include subject area courses (e.g., math courses for a student who intends to be a math teacher).

■ Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25).

■ Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext 1527. ***(NMC)***

Recipe contest aims to promote healthy lunches

NEW YORK—Epicurious and first lady Michelle Obama, the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture are teaming up to launch a nationwide recipe challenge to promote healthy lunches.

The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge & Kids’ “State Dinner” invites parents (or legal guardians) and their children, ages 8-12, to create and submit a recipe for a lunch that is nutritious and delicious.

All entrants have the chance to win a trip to Washington D.C. and the opportunity to be invited to attend a Kids’ “State Dinner” at the White House in August, where a selection of the winning healthy recipes will be served.

The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge & Kids’ “State Dinner” invites a parent or guardian to work with their child to create an original lunchtime recipe that is healthy, affordable, and tasty.

In support of Let’s Move!, launched by the first lady to solve the problem of childhood obesity, entrants are encouraged to reference the nutritional guidelines of the USDA’s site, ChooseMyPlate.gov, to ensure recipes meet the primary criterion of being healthier. Entries should represent each of the food groups, either in one dish or as parts of a lunch meal, including fruit, veggies, whole grains, protein and low-fat dairy foods.

All U.S. states and territories are invited to participate, including Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Fifty-six winners (one winner from each of the 50 states, plus the U.S. territories, D.C., and Puerto Rico) and a parent or guardian will be flown to the nation’s capital and will have the opportunity to be invited to attend a once-in-a-lifetime Kids’ “State Dinner” at the White House, hosted by Obama, where a selection of the winning healthy recipes will be served.

“We all want to ensure that our kids are eating nutritious, delicious food at every meal, and as a mom I know that parents are always looking for new ideas to make that happen,” said Obama. “With parents and kids all across the country getting creative in the kitchen, I know we’ll find healthy meals that every family will enjoy. And I can’t wait to try the kids’ creations myself.”

“We are truly honored that Mrs. Obama is partnering with Epicurious to help raise awareness for the importance of healthy lunches, and healthy eating for kids, overall,” said Tanya Steel, editor-in-chief of Epicurious. “This topic has long been a personal passion of mine and I’ve supported the First Lady’s ‘Let’s Move!’ campaign through Epicurious. Through The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, we are hoping to make a positive change in the way our children eat and live by showing them that meals, especially their school lunch, can be tasty AND healthy.”

The winning recipes will be chosen by a panel of judges that includes Tanya Steel, Assistant White House Chef Sam Kass, USDA and Department of Education representatives, as well as a celebrity chef.

The winning recipes will be available free to all in a downloadable and printable e-cookbook that features nutritional analysis, and photos and drawings of the recipes, available via the contest web site, letsmove.gov, USDA.gov, and Ed.gov.

“This Challenge helps both parents and their kids to think about the basic ingredients of a healthy lunch, whether you make it at home or get it in the school lunch line,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “Understanding the components of a balanced diet is important for a lifetime of healthy eating.”

“In the 21st century, healthy food is not an add-on to a good education. To succeed in the knowledge-based, global economy, children need tasty, nutritious food to help them excel academically,” said Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education. “Students of all ages can plant gardens to learn science, nutrition, civic and business skills. Even our youngest can learn how to healthfully prepare their harvest in the kitchen, take responsibility for nutritious meals and feel pride at a recipe well executed with his or her own two hands.”

Recipes can be submitted until June 17, either online at http://recipechallenge.epicurious.com or via mail at: “The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge c/o Epicurious.com,” 1166 Avenue of the Americas, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10036. Winners will be notified on July 16.

The White House Kids “State Dinner” is currently scheduled to take place in August 2012. Westin Hotels will be providing hotel rooms for the winning families, and Delta Air Lines will provide air travel to Washington, D.C.

For more information and contest rules, visit recipecontest.epicurious.com. ***(PR Newswire)***

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Two keys to peace in Syria

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For the Syrian crisis to end without enormous additional loss of life, two things need to happen.

First, Western powers should cease threatening military intervention.

Second, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad should step down, and Moscow should point him toward the exit.

The violence continues in Syria, despite the presence of international observers and the repeated promises of the government to abide by the U.N. peace treaty. This has led some hawks to argue for a Western military response, with Washington, Riyadh and Paris warning Assad of the possibility of military intervention.

The use of force is a deceptively attractive alternative to the application of soft power. If fully armed and trained, the Syrian opposition forces could ultimately dislodge the Assad dynasty. But when the dust of hostilities settles, the country would likely be in ruins: carnage, devastation and divided leadership, with no clear plans for democracy building.

Past examples of external military intervention in the region are discouraging. While the Iraq War did topple Saddam Hussein, it came at a high cost of national disunity and deplorable waste of human and material resources. And the NATO intervention in Libya was bloody and destructive.

Even the softer strategy of arming rebels from the outside is flawed. There are no cases in the region of armed resistance leading to liberation. In Algeria, Lebanon and Yemen, armed resistance against unjust regimes did not bring freedom and equality: the more killing that occurs today, the less national reconciliation tomorrow.

What's more, the Syrian regime is not likely to last more than a year given the deterioration of the economy, continued defection of the military and sustained international pressure. The opposition should have patience, confidence and vision to bring the different segments of society together after the ruler steps down.

The critical question is how to eliminate the ruler without hurting the democracy-building process.

Russia is a crucial partner for Syria. Moscow should realize that a change in leadership at the top is necessary for peace. That's why it was so disheartening to see Assad interviewed so cozily on Russian television on May 16, with him saying that the Syrian people support his government and blaming the protests on "terrorists."

In order for diplomacy to work, Moscow must apply strong pressure for leadership transition in Damascus, and the West must reduce its threats of direct or indirect military intervention. Otherwise, this bloody civil war will drag on and on.

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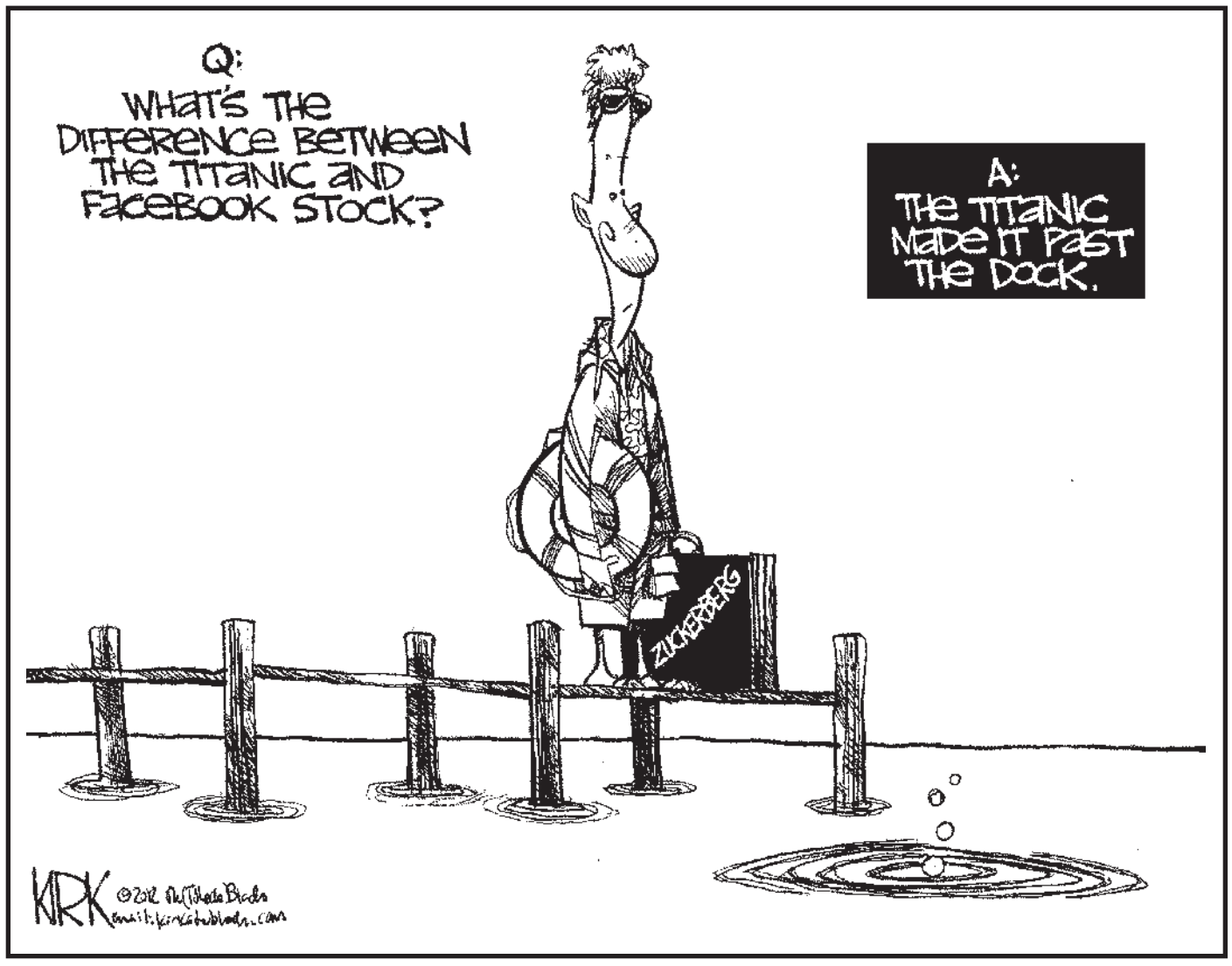
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Welcome to the DIY generation

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Barack Obama wanted to be a transformational president, and as we head into the general election, he may have gotten his wish—just not the way he or his supporters might have thought.

Obama seems to have transformed the cohort of 18- to 29-year-olds, a whopping 66 percent of whom preferred him over John McCain, from passionate voters who thought Obama really did offer change they could believe in, into people feeling, in the words of veteran political analyst Charlie Cook, "disappointment and disillusionment."

Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg recently found Obama leading Romney among these same voters just 55 percent to 43 percent. And focus groups of young undecided voters in Ohio and North Carolina, conducted by the Republican organization Resurgent Republic, found them unhappy with the direction of the country, skeptical about an improving economy and deeply disappointed with the president. He "promised the moon," one young voter told pollsters, "and couldn't even deliver the upper atmosphere."

Disillusionment with partisan politics is certainly nothing new. Obama's fall from grace, however, may look like a bigger belly flop because his young supporters saw him standing so much higher than typical politicians. Yet by dashing their hopes, Obama may actually have accomplished something so remarkable that it could turn out to be his legacy: He has redirected young people's energies away from conventional electoral politics and into a different, grassroots kind of activism. Call it DIY politics.

We got a taste of DIY politics last fall with the Occupy Wall Street sit-ins, which were a reaction to government inaction on financial abuses, and we got another taste when the 99 percent Spring campaign mobilized tens of thousands against economic inequality. OWS and its tangential offshoots may seem political, but it is important to note that OWS emphatically isn't politics as usual. It isn't even a traditional movement.

Movements have vectors; they head in a direction. The Occupiers don't have a coherent program or clearly identified leaders or a political dimension even in the way, say, the tea party does. OWS is more just a festival of grievance populated by those (mostly young people) who find no place for themselves in the system, which made the metaphor of their "occupying" the seat of American economic power ironic.

All of this is perhaps best defined as a consciousness—a way of thinking about change rather than a schema for it. That's one reason the Occupiers could collect so many disparate elements. OWS has spoken to a mounting sense among the disaffected that nothing quite works in America and that you can't really fight politics with politics anymore. In fact, you have to forget about traditional institutions, power and systems entirely. Americans typically don't think this way.

OWS is only the most visible manifestation of this consciousness; there are many other subterranean components. Their adherents find one another on the Internet or in community meetings or in groups like the 99 Percent Spring. Though many of the young seem to have given up trying to change the establishment frontally, what they are doing, though they may not realize it, is slowly creating a melding of minds that could eventually result in a new kind of politics in which traditional political institutions are basically irrelevant.

The DIY impulse seems to start with the most basic politics of all: individual agency. If it takes hold it will be from the bottom up, translating a way of thinking into a way of doing. Already you can see DIY politics in action, not just in young people camping outside City Hall but in their joining service organizations and NGOs where they can do good and seemingly apolitical—or at least extra-governmental—work. They don't abide endless debate and tit-for-tat strategies that result in gridlock.

I have seen this firsthand in my family. One of my daughters has spent the last few years in the developing world working in healthcare and will be returning to this country this year to attend medical school. My other daughter spent a year in American Samoa in the World Teach program, another year in AmeriCorps, and is now in graduate school in social work. Neither cares one whit about the political system generally or electoral politics specifically. When we talk about their lack of interest in the current campaign or about legislative initiatives, they tell me, "We live our politics."

And the evidence is more than anecdotal. AmeriCorps has seen the number of its applications rise from 359,000 in 2009 to 536,000 in 2010 to 581,000 last year. Teach for America has seen a similar rise, with more than 5 percent of the graduating classes at 130 universities applying, including 18 percent of Harvard's grads. Data collected by Morley Winograd and Michael Hais, who have studied millennials, show not only the same trends but also a changing mind-set. The number of college freshmen who believe that it is "essential or very important to help people in need" soared to its highest level, 70 percent, since 1970. But here's the most interesting

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It's the fiscal future, candidates

Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are both smart and accomplished individuals. That's why it is so disappointing that neither candidate has taken a truly responsible position when it comes to the nation's fiscal future.

That's not to say that both men haven't advanced some good ideas. Romney, for example, is pushing to limit federal spending, and he's showing political backbone in putting Social Security and Medicare reforms on the table. But Romney also signed the Americans for Tax Reform pledge to "oppose and veto any and all efforts to increase taxes." That is a huge mistake because we cannot possibly climb out of a federal financial hole totaling more than $65 trillion without raising additional revenue through comprehensive tax reform.

At the same time, of course, we need to cut spending by much more than has previously been proposed. But even as Romney calls for spending cuts, he has pledged to boost core defense spending despite the fact the Pentagon is already a bloated bureaucracy.

Romney also needs to provide much more detail about how he would achieve his spending cuts, while addressing the impact these cuts could have. For example, how would his proposed "premium support" model for Medicare affect the out-of-pocket cost for beneficiaries in the future?

For his part, President Obama has been willing to campaign for more tax revenue as well as stressing the need for government to make selected investments in areas such as infrastructure and basic research. These steps are in the right direction, but they need to be addressed as part of a comprehensive fiscal reform effort.

The president's proposals on tax fairness have focused too narrowly on the "Buffett rule," which seeks to get the wealthiest to pay their "fair share." He hasn't raised other important issues of tax fairness, such as this one: How is it that two people with roughly the same income can wind up paying very different amounts in taxes?

The answer lies in our colossal and complex federal tax code, which is filled with deductions, exclusions, credits and other "tax expenditures." These amount to back-door spending by the government, and they create huge inequities even as they drain the nation's treasury. What's needed is comprehensive tax reform that eliminates many of these deductions, or at least restructures them in ways that make common sense.

Moreover, while the president has proposed some spending cuts in defense and elsewhere, he hasn't gone far enough. I would advocate at least a 3-1 ratio of spending cuts to revenue increases.

The current generation of American elected officials is preparing to pass along the bill for its profligate spending to our children and grandchildren—a shameful shifting of the tax burden to people with little or no say in the matter. And what is by far the greatest chunk of our spending? Social Security and Medicare, which already account for more than $46 trillion in liabilities and unfunded promises. Yet the president's budget avoids major reforms to Medicare and does not address Social Security at all.

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Without action on those programs, we are on a direct path to a huge crisis.

My hope is that, as the presidential campaign unfolds, Obama and Romney will do something that would be truly radical for politicians: speak the full truth about the financial challenges the country faces and what it will take to solve them. They should devote at least one of their debates this fall solely to the nation's fiscal situation, with a format and moderators that will guarantee that substantive questions are posed and that the candidates are pressed for meaningful answers.

Voters in the United States want straight talk, strong leadership and sensible solutions. Anything less will put the nation's future and the American dream at risk. With so much at stake, the presidential candidates should ignore partisan pressures and put the welfare of the nation first.

In Tajikistan, some women too smart for their own good

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DUSHANBE, Tajikistan—Gulnoza Kabirova's dream of attending nursing college ended when her family decided the 17-year-old's chances of getting married would be harmed if she pursued a college education.

Her mother, Gulandom, who has raised 13 children in the village of Vahdat in southern Tajikistan, insisted she had her daughter's best interests at heart.

"I see (the example) of girls in the neighborhood who are educated. Years go by and no one wants them as daughters-in-law. That was my worry, and that is why I didn't allow my daughter to go to study," she said.

So instead of paying the $600 in college fees, Gulandom borrowed $7,000 in order to pay for her daughter's wedding. She still owes $3,000 on the loan.

"I'd rather cope with the difficulties of repaying the loan than face the situation of no one wanting to marry my daughter," she said. "These days it is difficult to marry off young people."

In Tajikistan, women are expected to move in with their husband's extended family and submit to the authority of the men and other members of the household after they are married.

An educated woman is perceived as less likely to be submissive. In addition, a woman with an education, villagers fear, will not be willing to work in the fields, do the housework and care for the children and elderly. In case of divorce, an educated woman is better able to defend her legal rights.

Most women here are expected to marry by the age of 20. Women older than that are considered undesirable.

Rustam Akramov, a sociologist, says it's easy to understand why families are reluctant to allow their daughters to pursue an education.

"In rural areas, young men prefer to marry young girls with no schooling, or who attended for only a few years and then stopped, because it is easy to control them," he said. While men and women are considered equal under the law, custom and tradition dictates that few women have property and inheritance rights.

Adding to the pressure to wed is the shortage of eligible bachelors in the country. Many young men were killed during the civil war that ravaged the country between 1992 and 1997. Since then, many young men immigrated to Russia in search of work.

Munira Rozikova, 37 and single, knows the price that's paid for being an educated woman.

"(Families) don't want us as daughters-in-law. In our village, educated girls are considered to have libertine attitudes," said Rozikova, who attended medical school and is now the village's physician.

Sometimes Rozikova, who still lives with her mother and siblings, has second thoughts about having acquired a medical degree. And even though she's proud of her daughter's achievements, her mother, Manzura Boboeva, worries about her daughter's future. After all, Rozikova's brothers could turn her out after their mother dies.

"Where would she go? I often hear my neighbors criticizing my daughter, saying she is still unmarried, and blaming her education for it," Boboeva said.

Even when young men are attracted to women pursuing an education, they're likely to face opposition from their families.

Karim, 24, said he'd fallen in love with a fellow student he'd met while studying at a university. But his family is dead-set against the match.

"I didn't know what to do," he said. "I needed to have (my family's) consent and blessing."

Muhammad, 24, faced the same situation when his family rejected his plan to marry his medical student girlfriend. Not only did Muhammad's mother object to his girlfriend pursuing an education, his brothers warned that, at 24, she was already past her prime.

Mohammad says he hopes to marry her anyway, despite his family's objections.

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statistic: Although more than 25 percent said they had demonstrated for a cause, less than 10 percent had worked on a political campaign. Indeed, a Pew survey found that 18- to 29-year-olds are paying less attention to the current election than any other demographic group.

There is a scathing irony in the fact that some attribute the rise in civic commitment to an "Obama effect," by which they mean Obama has kindled this idealism the way President Kennedy inspired young people to join the Peace Corps. (Of course, many more attribute it to the economy and the lack of jobs for recent grads.) Unfortunately, none of these surveys investigates reasons for increased volunteerism, but the data suggest another possible Obama effect: that he has driven them out of politics and into service.

Many longtime politicos find that outcome troubling. They fret that if young people abandon the system, the system will abandon the public good. Of course, to many of the young, it is the system that has abandoned them. If the polls are accurate, most of them will still vote for Obama but with less enthusiasm than in 2008 and with fewer illusions about what he will accomplish. Instead, they will assume the social burden themselves, opting out of organized politics to "do it themselves" with a politics of one that adds up to millions of ones.

Country's changing demographics should be celebrated

As Americans, we should embrace the increasing diversity of our country.

The Census Bureau recently reported that minority births made up a majority of births in the United States in the year that ended July 2011. The report noted that 50.5 percent of the births were Asian, Latino, black or mixed race. This percentage has been on the rise for years as the nation's white population ages and the minority population gets younger and younger. Right now there are more than 300 million people in United States, and 114 million of us are minority or persons of color.

Of the individual states, Hawaii, California, New Mexico and Texas already have majority-minority populations. The District of Columbia is majority-minority as well.

The majority-minority birth numbers should come as no surprise. Demographers have been predicting for years now that by 2040, people of color would comprise a majority in the United States. Some studies place it a little later at 2050, but still, the "browning of America," as many call it, is coming.

Amid all of this change, there is unfounded fear and outright hatred.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, hate groups are on the rise. The number, in total, is currently more than 1,000, and many of them are organized around resistance to these demographic changes.

In addition, anti-immigration laws have been passed in many states across the nation. Alabama, Arizona, Mississippi and South Carolina have all passed laws that are anti-immigrant in nature.

This is no way to respond to the changing face of America. Except descendants of Native Americans and slaves, everyone's relatives came here as immigrants. We should resist the temptation to pass laws that will restrict new Americans as the country once did in the early 20th century when Jews, Poles, Greeks and Italians arrived in large numbers.

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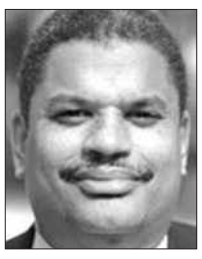

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Instead, we should pass comprehensive immigration reform to offer a path to citizenship to all those who have been leading productive lives here for many years.

We should also address the problem of economic equality along racial lines. Failure to address this issue as the nation grows more diverse could prove to be catastrophic. Not only will it breed division and contempt, but a majority will also be unable to live a constructive existence.

In 2010, median black and Latino families earned a paltry 57 cents for each dollar earned by median white families, according to a study by United for a Fair Economy. White families, on average, also possess far more wealth than black and Latino families.

We can't have a smoothly functioning society with such economic disparities. We need to equalize educational opportunities and open the doors for all.

The United States is what the Rev. Jesse Jackson once described: "a quilt of many patches, many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven and held together by a common thread."

We should strengthen that thread and admire the power of our many colors woven together.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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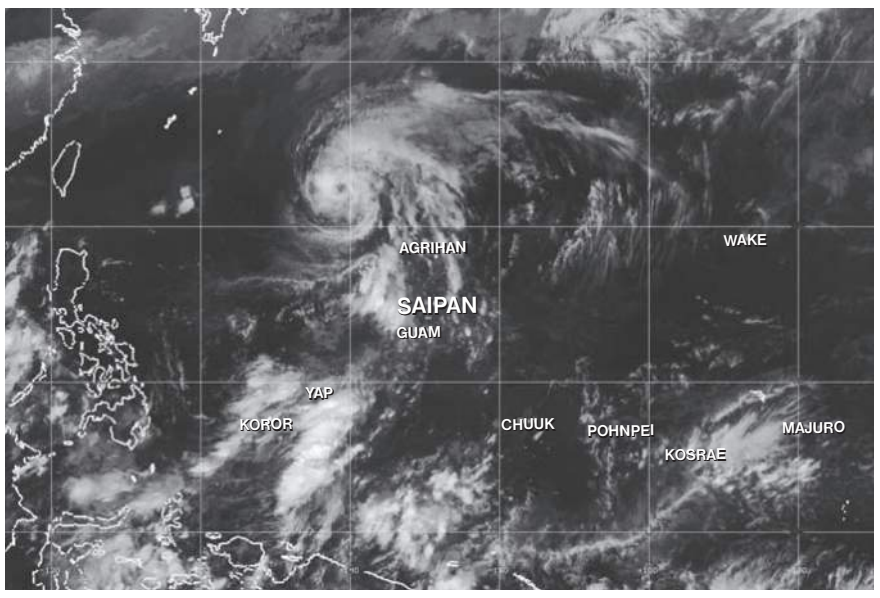
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲91	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲87	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Cloudy	▲63	▼57
Beijing	Sunny	▲90	▼62
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86	▼80
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼52
Manila	Thundershowers	▲92	▼81
Melbourne	Showers	▲58	▼48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼75
New York	Thundershowers	▲74	▼65
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼60
Paris	Sunny	▲76	▼58
Pusan	Sunny	▲76	▼62
Rome	Showers	▲74	▼57
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼46
San Francisco	Showers	▲56	▼50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼56
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼61
Washington, DC	Showers	▲86	▼68

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Sanvu (03W) is centered 715 miles north-northwest of Guam at 23N140E and moving toward the north-northeast at 10 mph with maximum sustained winds of 90 mph. Numerous showers and a few thunderstorms are found within 160 miles of the center of Sanvu. For more Information on Typhoon Sanvu, see bulletins issued by the JTWC under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough curves northeastward from 5N130E toward Typhoon Sanvu. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are southeast of Typhoon Sanvu around the Marianas between 13N and 25N from 140E to 147E and around Yap and Koror between 2N and 11N from 131E to 140E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms well south of Guam between the equator and 4N from 140E to 149E and southeast of Kosrae but southwest of Majuro between 1N and 6N from 162E to 171E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:45 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
6:28 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
10:54 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
6:15 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:53 AM	10:49 PM
Sunday	10:45 AM	11:32 PM
Monday	11:37 AM	
Tuesday	12:30 PM	12:13 AM
Wednesday	1:25 PM	12:56 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 6, 2012

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 5	UA5062	3:40am	5:40am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)				**SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)**			
UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 5	UA5064	4:15am	4:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**			
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 5	UA5062	2:40am	4:15am	1, 5 via ROP
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30pm	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**			
DL287	6:05am	8:50am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)				**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:05am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	UA190/5077	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	PR110/C05071	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	10:05pm	7:50am+1	3, 6 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	4:35pm	9:45pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/723	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5076	10:35pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; UA: United; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish
Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish
Monday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish
Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro
Wednesday:6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish
Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

PROTESTANT

Amen Church
Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat)
Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net

Born Again Christian
(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm
Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

Church 360
Suite 103 of Marianas Business Plaza (1st floor of former Nauru Building).
Contact www.church360saipan.org, info@church360saipan.org, or call 888-2116
Celebration Service: Sundays at 10:15am
Prayer Fellowship: Thursdays at 6:30pm

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm
As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950
Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 10:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road,
Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church
Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm
Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

Immanuel Methodist Church
(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)
(Korean Congregation)
Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm
Wednesday evening service: 8pm
Daily morning prayer: 5am

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am,
Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center
Sunday School: 9-9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)
Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville
Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services
Sunday morning 10:00am
Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church.
Telephone No: 285-4661/2

Thy Word Ministries Saipan
Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian
Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Victorious Christian Church
(Formerly God's Victorious Army)
Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service
Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship
Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup
Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service
Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice
Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting
Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 26, 1999

CPA's aviation revenues up 75 percent
Operating revenues of the aviation division jumped by 75 percent in April amounting to $927,441 compared to the same period last fiscal year, according to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Based on CPA's monthly financial report, both Japan Airlines and Asiana Airlines registered an increase in passenger arrivals despite the 14 percent cumulative decline on departing international passengers brought about by the low traffic of Continental Airlines and Northwest Airlines. For the past seven months of fiscal year 1999, the ports authority was able to significantly reduce the operating expenses excluding the non-cash items by over $1.3 million compared to the same period of fiscal year 1998. This was also brought about by the strong support of the employees on the cost-cutting measures implemented by management, the ports authority said.

Bill allows court to dip into trust funds
As part of the efforts to raise badly needed revenues, the Legislature will authorize the Superior Court to make money from the trust funds temporarily entrusted to the judiciary as well as from individuals convicted of criminal offense. Under a bill offered by Rep. Heinz Hofschneider, chair of the House committee on Health, Education and Welfare, the court will be allowed to deposit trust funds in the banks at no cost to the government to earn interests whose proceeds shall then be used to administer the program. Likewise, the measure will impose an assessment on all persons who are convicted of a criminal offense, ranging from $10 in the case of an infraction to as much as $400 for a felony.

May 26, 2000

US House committee decides on $11M funding for CNMI
The U.S. House Appropriations Committee was scheduled to vote Thursday morning in Washington D.C. (late last night in local time) on the Department of the Interior's budget for FY 2001 which included allocation to the CNMI amounting to $11 million. Commonwealth officials expressed hope to keep the federal assistance for the next fiscal year that represents construction grants provided under the Section 702 of the Covenant/ Capital Improvement Projects agreement. The House Appropriations scheduled the full committee mark-up at 9:30 a.m. Thursday (D.C. time), which was 12:30 a.m. Friday on Saipan.

Asiana eyes more direct flights to NMI
Asiana Airlines is eyeing additional direct flights from key cities in Korea to Saipan as the number of visitors from the second largest market for CNMI's tourism industry continues to increase amid the country's economic resurgence. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio offered his assistance to the carrier during a courtesy visit by some Asiana officials to his Capitol Hill office, noting that direct flight service to the Commonwealth is important to the island's economy. At present, Asiana flies daily from Seoul and three times a week from Pusan to Saipan, bringing in thousands of visitors to the island.

May 26, 2003

Atalig violates release conditions
Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig reportedly violated his bail conditions before and after his jury trial on criminal wire fraud and conspiracy charges ended with his conviction, the U.S. Probation Office reported. In a report submitted to the U.S. District Court last week, U.S. Probation Officer Margarita DLG. Wonenberg said Atalig failed to show up for the required drug testing on several occasions, particularly on January 13, March 25 and April 22, and 29 this year. On May 7, though, Wonenberg said Atalig tested negative for any drug or alcohol use, when he subjected himself to urinalysis and breathalyzer during a non-compliance meeting with the senator. Atalig also tested negative for drug use 24 times.

Ex-TCGCC chief sues Fund
Former Immigration chief Jose P. Mafnas has sued the NMI Retirement Fund over a contributions and benefits dispute. Mafnas, who later became chairman of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission after retiring from his government tenure, wants the Superior Court to render null and void the Fund's administrative decision refusing to refund his contributions as TCGCC chair. Mafnas, through his lawyer Perry B. Inos, also wants deducted sums from his retirement benefits be returned to him, and that he be paid his benefits free from adjustments.

Maharlika

UFO lines up activities for 2012 Pistang Pinoy

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REPORTER

The United Filipino Organization is putting together several activities to build up interest for the 2012 Pistang Pinoy celebration on June 10 at the Civic Center grounds in Susupe.

The theme for this year's event coinciding with the Philippine Independence Day commemoration is "Pananagutan ng bayan para sa tuwid na daan."

UFO secretary Annamae Adaza said yesterday that there will be other activities on top of a whole day's worth of live entertainment by various performing groups and individuals.

"We're bringing the Pistang Pinoy event to the people of our island next month as our way of giving back to the community for the support they have given us in all our events," said Adaza.

She said that they will be having the Panlasang Pinoy food contest, which will be participated by at least six establishments.

Shirley's Coffee Shop, Top Cuisine, Sandjuvy Restaurant, Jologs, Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel, and Connie's Diner will compete and prepare five dishes on the spot: Beef Steak Tagalog, Pork Adobo, Sweet & Sour Mahi-Mahi, Ginataang Puso ng Saging, and Sizzling Squid.

Chefs of various hotels and restaurants will serve as judges. All contestants will receive certificates of participation and the top three winners will win $300, $200, and $100, respectively.

For information about Panlasang Pinoy, contact Peter Crisostomo at 989-1892.

At this year's Pistang Pinoy, the Tau Gamma Phi – Triskelion will also conduct a medical health fair so that all festival-goers can take advantage of free medical services, including blood pressure and blood sugar screenings.

Adaza said the celebration will also feature basketball games for different age groups. The games for the youth division for 14 and under will start at about 8:30am while games for 20-and-under will begin at 2pm.

Throughout the day, UFO officers will be selling raffle tickets for $1 each for a chance to win exciting prizes donated by generous sponsors and donors, including hotel overnight stays, lunch and dinner buffets, as well as spa and waterpark passes.

Businesses are encouraged to become sponsors by contacting president Bong Malasarte at 287-5525, Bok Enano at 287-9756 or Adaza at 483-5237.

Highlighting the festivities is the "Deal or No Deal" game in the evening, wherein one contestant will have a chance to win a $1,000 cash prize if he or she chooses the right briefcase. Joel Vallega will be choreographing the briefcase ladies, which will include the Pusong Pinoy Valentine beauty pageant contestants.

"We are excited about it because it's our first time to have a huge game show during the Pistang Pinoy. We hope things will fall into place," Adaza told Saipan Tribune.

Adaza disclosed that they will be at the Garapan Street Market on Thursday, May 31 to encourage vendors to set up booths at their event.

Rental fee for 10x10 tents for the vendors is $40 for food and $30 for non-food vendors. For inquiries, contact Paul Madriaga at 287-4501 or Anna De Guzman at 788-5016.

Performers are still welcome to take part in the event. For information, call Minda Castro at 989-0604 or Olive Yana at 483-5237.

"We are inviting everyone to join us in celebrating our 114th Philippine Independence Day," said Adaza. "Without the support of the CNMI community, this event will not be a huge success."

Filipino mixologist tops bartending contest

CLARISSA V. DAVID
Coral Ocean Point's Ronnie Guevarra, 2012 champion of the Bartender Cocktails Competition, is joined by family and friends for a souvenir photo after the event on May 19.

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His "Beat D' Heat" cocktail concoction coupled with his bartending flair earned Ronnie Guevarra the grand prize for this year's Bartender Cocktails Competition Burnett's Flavored Vodka Challenge held at the American Memorial Park on May 19 as part of the 14th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden event.

Organized by the Northern Marianas Bartenders Association, this year's bartending competition drew seven challengers who all demonstrated their bartending techniques as they prepared unique cocktails using Burnett's and Coca-Cola products.

A panel of judges composed of United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte, Marianas Resort & Spa executive chef William Retardo, and Exclusive Beauty Guam branch manager Doris Barcial evaluated the entries based on originality, taste, showmanship, neatness, and audience impact. Arnel Diesta and Crispin Diesta served as tabulators.

Guevarra's summer-inspired creation—a blend of Burnett's Vodka, Bacardi Rum, orange curaçao, strawberry puree, mango juice, fresh orange juice and coconut syrup and garnished with fresh orange and strawberry—as well as his presentation earned the nods of the judges, who awarded him a trophy and medal, $75, a cellular phone from IT&E, and gift packs from DFS, Marpac, and System 4 U Total Cosmetic.

He also received other prizes for winning the Best in Taste Award.

Guevarra, food and beverage manager for Coral Ocean Point, said this was his first time to win in the Taste of the Marianas contest but he is no stranger to bartending competitions, having secured the top spot in the 2007 Bravo! Barista Illy Cocktail Competition on Saipan in July 2007. He represented the CNMI and Guam when he competed with 15 other bartending champions from around the world for an international title in September 2007.

In an interview after last Saturday's event, Guevarra said he prepared for the competition by trying out different mixtures of Burnett's Vodka and juices until he came up with the best-tasting blend.

Guevarra revealed that he didn't have plans to join the NMBA-sponsored competition but the staff and management of Coral Ocean Point rallied behind him and convinced him to join.

"Passion is really the fuel that guides me to compete," Guevarra told *Saipan Tribune*, as he recounted the other bartending contests he has joined both on and off-island. "I'm proud and thankful that my bosses, my wife Mylene, my children Lester, Lawrence, and Katrina, and all my friends were there to support me."

Other winners and participants were Saipan World Resort's Dindo Ferrer, first runner up and best in showmanship; Hyatt Regency Saipan's Alexander Mejia; Ocean Bar's Jay Santos, third runner up and best in costume/props; One Call Inc.'s Ramil Eustaquio; GIG's Eduardo C. Flores; and Bossano Bar's Mike Benavente.

Pentecostal Church to bring medical mission to As Lito

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ 4th Watch is bringing its village-to-village medical mission to As Lito. Pastor Claire Javillonar said the event will take place on Sunday, May 27, from 3pm to 6pm at the Green Consume Market parking lot.

This marks the church's fourth medical mission for the year, according to Javillonar. Last month, a similar event was held at the Susupe basketball court.

The free services to be provided are blood sugar and blood pressure screenings, eye checkup, facial and body massage, haircut, and spiritual counseling. Snacks will also be provided.

"We are inviting everyone, but most especially our neighbors around As Lito," Javillonar told *Saipan Tribune*. "We will be conducting house-to-house invitation tonight and tomorrow night."

The medical mission scheduled for next month will be held at the Children's Park in Sinapalo Village, the island of Rota.

To volunteer for the event or for more information, contact Pastor Claire Javillonar at 789-7566. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

Consulate sets next health screening on June 3

The Philippine Consulate General on Saipan, with the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, will be hosting the 2nd Quarter free health screening for Filipino workers next Sunday, June 3.

A collaborative effort with the Filipino Volunteer Medical Team, CNMI Pharmacist Association, Hardt Eye Clinic, and other volunteers from the Filipino community, the health screening program is aimed at increasing the level of awareness on diabetes prevention and control, hypertension prevention, and eye/vision pressure correction among Filipinos in the Commonwealth.

"Through this project, the Philippine Consulate General hopes to reach more and serve even if in a modest way, the medical needs, while fostering the spirit of volunteerism in the true spirit of Filipino *bayanihan* [on] Saipan," said Consul General Medardo Macaraig.

Registration for the event, to be held at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe, starts at 6:30am while the activity will go on from 7am to noon.

Medical services to be provided are blood pressure and blood sugar level screenings as well as eye vision checkups. Those who will avail of blood sugar level screening should refrain from any solid and liquid intake from midnight prior to actual testing until after blood samples have been obtained at the event.

For more information, visit the Consulate on the fifth floor of Marianas Business Plaza or call 234-1850 or 51. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

Basic Baking, April 14 to May 19, 2012.

Basic Computer Operations I, April 15 to May 20, 2012.

Building & Fixing Computers, April 14 to May 19, 2012.

Mandarin Language, April 15 to May 20, 2012.

POLO recognizes 228 graduates of training courses

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Officer-in-charge Julia F. Fabian of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office of the Philippine Consulate General is optimistic that their livelihood training initiative will carry on even if their office shuts down after Oct. 31.

"We are thankful for the continuous support of the Filipino community especially in the enhancement of their fellow Filipinos," said Fabian, who gave the remarks as POLO awarded certificates to all graduates of the five training courses offered to Filipino workers on island for the second quarter of 2012.

A total of 228 graduates were recognized in graduation ceremonies held at the Filipino Workers Resource Center at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe on May 19 and 20.

Of this number, 55 completed the course on Domestic Refrigeration and Aircon Mechanic, 57 for Basic Baking, 33 for Computer Building & Fixing, 62 for Basic Computer Operations I, and 22 for Basic Mandarin.

"The training was supported by OFW-instructors who are experts in their fields and who unselfishly shared their talents and skills [with] their fellow Filipinos," said Fabian.

These instructors were Rogelio Guinocor, with the assistance of Edwin Desin, for the Domestic Refrigeration & Aircon Mechanic; Jojo Sotto for the Baking Class; husband and wife Zaldy and Marilyn Quebral, along with Jousel Regilme, for Basic Computer Operations I; Reynaldo Garcia for Basic Mandarin; and Marcelo Masilungan for Computer Building & Fixing.

The training courses were supported by classes on business management techniques by Ignacio "Jhun" Bañadera, Jr. and on value-formation and personality development by Fe Calixterio.

Domestic Ref rigeration & Aircon Mechanic, April 14 to May 19, 2012 .

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CULTURAL DANCES

Saipan Music & Dance perform Filipino dances during the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 19, 2012, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The festival will hold its final night today, May 26, from 6pm to 11pm at the American Memorial Park.

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Food vendors serve up dinner with a smile during the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 19, 2012, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The annual festival is organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and features food, live entertainment, and nightly competitions in celebration of May Tourism Month.

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Ataktak dancers perform at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival on May 19, 2012, in Saipan.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

RECYCLABLE BAGS

Young ladies model recyclable bags as part of MINA's initiative to do away with plastic bags on island during the Green Gala on May 18, 2012.

LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

MARINES ON TINIAN

Marines with Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 III Marine Expeditionary Force work through the night to construct tents for the forward operating base during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012. All Marines in the area of operations worked late into the night to construct the forward operating base.

BON VOYAGE

To Mr. Abe Malae: It has been a great pleasure working with you and having you as executive director for the past two years. CUC has improved significantly under your leadership. You are not only a great leader but also a very loving and trustworthy person. We will miss you dearly and remember you always in our hearts. God bless! From CUC staff.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 22nd birthday to my one and only princess, DaisyAnne Marie Lizama! Wishing you, my princess, the very best of all and may the Lord bless you and guide you everyday and throughout your life! Enjoy! We love you double "DD" aka Daisy Duke! Greetings coming from your Mommy Linda, brother (Peter, Karen, KI, and family in Guam), Grandma Mary, Auntie Alice, Uncle Greg and families in Guam, and from the Basa and Lizama-Pinalek families.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to Margarita Dlg. Castro who is celebrating her special day on May 27. May God continue to bless you with good health and abundant graces. Shoutout coming from your children, grandchildren, family and friends.

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Business

Doctors report rise in kids eating detergent packs

DALLAS (AP)—Miniature laundry detergent packets arrived on store shelves in recent months as an alternative to bulky bottles and messy spills. But doctors across the country say children are confusing the tiny, brightly colored packets with candy and swallowing them.

Nearly 250 cases have been reported this year to poison control centers. Though they remain a tiny fraction of the thousands of poisoning calls received every year, doctors are concerned. The symptoms they see in connection with ingesting the packets—such as nausea and breathing problems—are more severe than typical detergent poisoning. No deaths have been reported.

"We're not quite sure why it's happening," said Dr. Kurt Kleinschmidt, a Dallas toxicologist and professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. "But we've clearly had some kids who have become much more ill. We look at these pods as being clearly more dangerous than the standard detergent."

Tide, Purex and other detergent manufacturers introduced different versions of the packets earlier this year. The lightweight, colorfully swirled plastic packets contain a single-use amount of detergent that dissolves in water. They're intended to be dropped into a laundry machine in place of liquid or powder detergent.

Several poison control centers started to get calls from parents about the packets in March and April, soon after they were introduced in earnest. Texas reported 71 instances of exposure this year, all but one in March or later. Missouri reported 25 cases related to the packets, and Illinois reported 26.

"If you look at the Tide Pods, they're bright blue and bright red and they look very similar to some of the ribbon candy," said Julie Weber, director of the Missouri Poison Control Center in St. Louis.

Paul Fox, a spokesman for Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble, the parent company of Tide, says all cleaning products need to be handled carefully. He said Tide was working with poison control centers and advocacy groups to make sure parents know more about the risks. "The packs themselves are safe, regardless of who manufactures them, provided that they are used for their intended purpose," Fox said. "The risk becomes when they're left like any other household product within reach of small, inquisitive hands."

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A warning label is attached to a package of Tide laundry detergent packets in Houston on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

While the detergent packets are a threat, poison control centers receive far more reports about other substances annually. In 2010, they fielded thousands of calls about potential poisoning to children under 5 from ibuprofen, diaper rash cream and other household substances.

However, doctors are alarmed about the packets because they appear to be more dangerous than just swallowing liquid or powder detergent.

Dr. Michael Buehler of the Carolinas Poison Center said there were several possible reasons why, including that the packets carry a full cup's worth of detergent in bite-size form or the detergent in the packet might activate more quickly or differently.

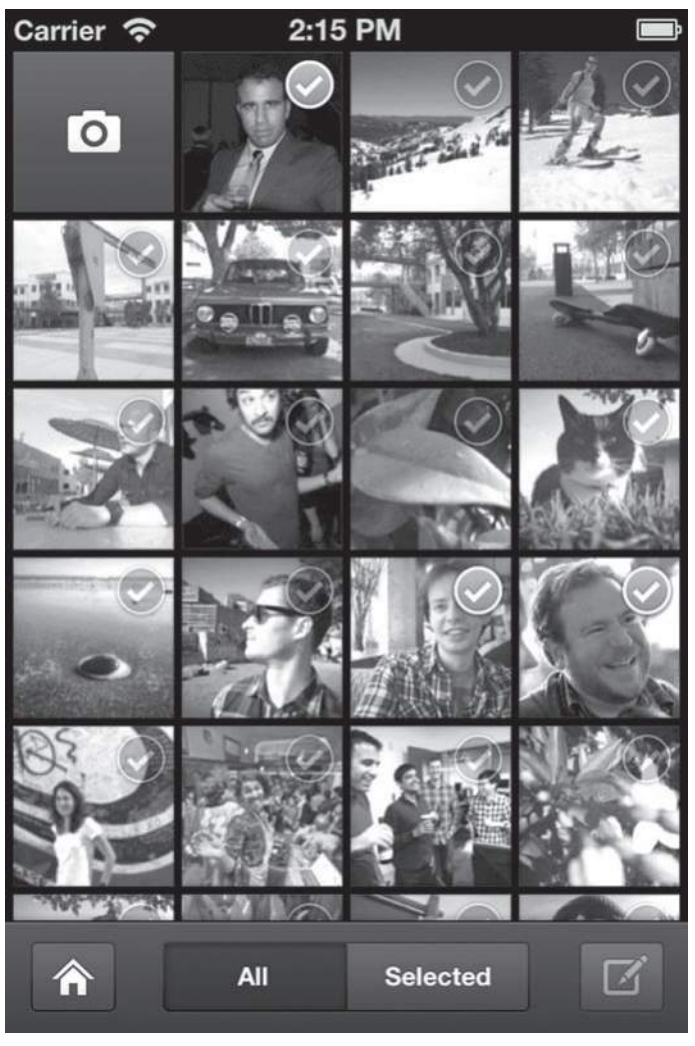
"The children get sicker, more severe, and they do this quicker than what we've seen with standard liquid laundry exposure," Buehler said.

Facebook launches iPhone camera app

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook's rocky initial public offering hasn't stopped life at the world's biggest online social network. On Thursday, the company unveiled a camera app for the iPhone.

The app can be downloaded from Apple's App Store and works like most other camera applications for smart phones. To take a photo, you tap a camera icon in the upper left corner of your screen, aim and shoot. You can then add filters, crop or tilt your photo, and share it on Facebook.

The new app is similar to Instagram, the photo-sharing app Facebook is in the process of buying for $1 billion. The acquisition, however, has not yet been completed, and Instagram's employees did not work on the photo app. Facebook has said it expects the Instagram acquisition to close sometime this year. Facebook didn't give details on when it might release a version of the app for phones that run on Google's Android operating system. In a statement, Facebook said it is "carefully looking at what might make for a good Facebook photos experience across Android devices."



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An undated image provided by Facebook shows Facebook's new camera app, unveiled Thursday, May 24, 2012.

New Google data show Microsoft's piracy problems

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google's Internet search engine receives more complaints about websites believed to be infringing on Microsoft's copyrights than it does about material produced by entertainment companies pushing for tougher online piracy laws.

A snapshot of Microsoft's apparently chronic copyright headaches emerged in new data that Google released Thursday to provide a better understanding of the intellectual property abuses on the Internet.

Google has a good vantage point on the issue because it operates the Internet's dominant search engine with the largest index of websites. About 97 percent of the copyright removal requests sent to Google are found to be valid by the company, prompting the offending links to be blocked from its influential search results.

The new report includes a breakdown of all requests Google has received since July 2011 to remove copyright-infringing content from its search index. Google plans to update the information daily at http://www.google.com/transparencyreport/removals/copyright .

Google Inc. has logged more than 2.5 million requests in the past 11 months to remove links believed to be violating Microsoft's copyrights. That ranked well above second-place NBC Universal, the operator of several television networks and a movie studio, whose copyrighted content was cited in nearly 1 million removal requests during the same period.

Times-Picayune to cut paper to 3 days a week

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The Times-Picayune, one of the nation's oldest newspapers, will no longer offer print editions seven days a week and instead plans to offer three printed issues a week starting in the fall. The change means New Orleans would become the largest metro area in the nation without a daily newspaper in the digital age.

The changes announced Thursday were combined with similar moves at three major Alabama daily newspapers also owned by the Newhouse family group's Advance Publications. The Birmingham News, the Press-Register in Mobile and The Huntsville Times will switch to publishing three days a week as part of a new focus on online news. At all four papers, there will be unspecified staff cuts. All four papers will continue to publish continuously on their websites, and online access will remain free.

Newspapers have struggled in recent years as consumers increasingly get their news online. Print advertising declined as the economy went into recession, and newspapers have yet to learn how to make online advertising as profitable as its printed counterpart.

"For us, this isn't about print versus digital, this is about creating a very successful multiplatform media company that addresses the ever-changing needs of our readers, our online users and our advertisers," said Advance Publications' president of local digital strategy, Randy Siegel, in an interview with The Associated Press. "This change is not easy, but it's essential for us to remain relevant."

Siegel didn't say how much money the reduced print runs in Louisiana and Alabama would save, nor how many staff members would be laid off or hired in the new online units.

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Chinese Yuan	6.3491	Japanese Yen	79.705	Swiss Franc	0.9595
Euro	0.7981	Malaysian Ringgit	3.167	Taiwan Dollar	29.6295
		New Zealand Dollar	1.327	Thailand Baht	31.7

Nation

Man arrested in 1979 disappearance of NYC boy Patz

NEW YORK (AP)—A former convenience store worker confessed to luring 6-year-old Etan Patz from his school bus stop in 1979 and choking him to death in a basement, police said Thursday, ending a three-decades long investigation into one of the nation's most baffling missing-children cases.

Pedro Hernandez, 51, of Maple Shade, N.J., was arrested on a murder charge after he told police he promised the boy a soda, took him to his store—just blocks from Etan's lower Manhattan home—and killed him there, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said.

Hernandez told police he put Etan's body in some trash about a block from the store, Kelly said, where it's possible it was picked up by sanitation crews.

No body has been recovered, and Kelly said it's possible the remains would never be found.

Hernandez was questioned by police for more than three hours after he was picked up in New Jersey Wednesday, and gave police a signed confession, Kelly said. His motive was not yet clear.

It's not clear if he had an attorney; an arraignment was expected sometime Friday. No one answered the door at Hernandez' New Jersey home Thursday night.

"He was remorseful, and I think the detectives thought that it was a feeling of relief on his part" to confess, Kelly said. "We believe that this is the individual responsible for the crime."

The arrest is the first ever in the decades-old case that gave rise to the missing-children's movement and ushered in an era of anxiety about leaving children unsupervised. Etan's photo was one of the first of a missing child to appear on a milk carton. The anniversary of Etan's disappearance, which is Friday, was named National Missing Children's Day by presidential proclamation in 1983.

Detectives are often barraged with hoaxes, false leads and possible sightings around the anniversary of the boy's disappearance. But Kelly said they believed Hernandez's story because of specific details he gave to police.

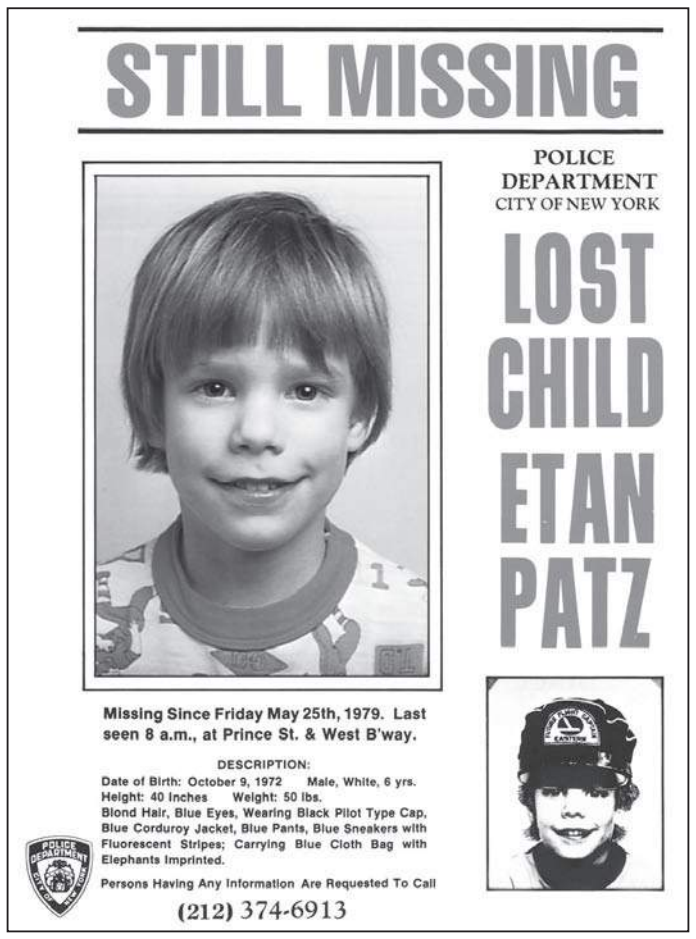
Hernandez, then 19, had worked as a stock clerk at the store for about a month and wasn't questioned at the outset, Kelly said. But he later told relatives, as far back as 1981, that he had "done something bad" and killed an unnamed child in New York City, he said.

After a search of a basement near Patz' lower Manhattan home last month hurtled the case back into the news, a tipster pointed police to Hernandez. Kelly said the person wasn't a relative, but knew that Hernandez had said he had done a bad thing, he said.

Hernandez was known to police as being a worker at the convenience store—a popular fixture in the neighborhood—but was never questioned, though other people in the shop were.

He left his job days after Etan disappeared and moved to New Jersey, where he had relatives, Kelly said. Hernandez later worked in construction but has been collecting disability payments since a 1993 back injury, police said. He is married with a teenage daughter, he said.

The focus on Hernandez came after other leads arose and stalled, at one point taking investigators as far as Israel tracking reported sightings of the boy.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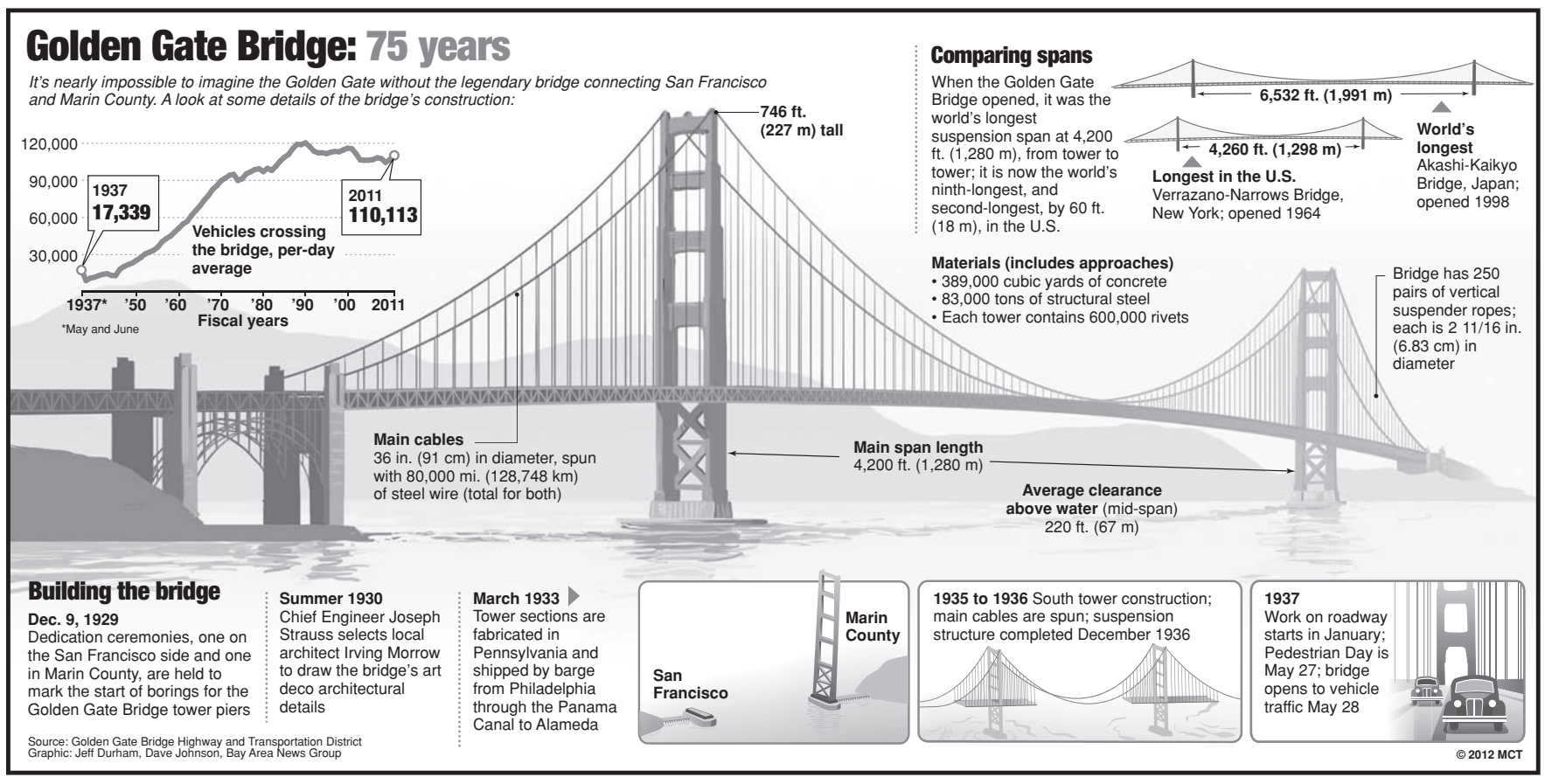
This undated file image provided Friday, May 28, 2010 by Stanley K. Patz shows a flyer distributed by the New York Police Department of Patz's son Etan who vanished in New York on May 25, 1979.


Golden Gate Bridge: 75 years
It's nearly impossible to imagine the Golden Gate without the legendary bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County. A look at some details of the bridge's construction:
120,000
90,000
60,000
30,000
1937 17,339
2011 110,113
Vehicles crossing the bridge, per-day average
1937* '50 '60 '70 '80 '90 '00 2011
*May and June
Fiscal years
746 ft. (227 m) tall
Comparing spans
When the Golden Gate Bridge opened, it was the world's longest suspension span at 4,200 ft. (1,280 m), from tower to tower; it is now the world's ninth-longest, and second-longest, by 60 ft. (18 m), in the U.S.
6,532 ft. (1,991 m)
World's longest Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge, Japan; opened 1998
4,260 ft. (1,298 m)
Longest in the U.S. Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, New York; opened 1964
Materials (includes approaches)
• 389,000 cubic yards of concrete
• 83,000 tons of structural steel
• Each tower contains 600,000 rivets
Bridge has 250 pairs of vertical suspender ropes; each is 2 11/16 in. (6.83 cm) in diameter
Main cables
36 in. (91 cm) in diameter, spun with 80,000 mi. (128,748 km) of steel wire (total for both)
Main span length
4,200 ft. (1,280 m)
Average clearance above water (mid-span)
220 ft. (67 m)
Building the bridge
Dec. 9, 1929
Dedication ceremonies, one on the San Francisco side and one in Marin County, are held to mark the start of borings for the Golden Gate Bridge tower piers
Summer 1930
Chief Engineer Joseph Strauss selects local architect Irving Morrow to draw the bridge's art deco architectural details
March 1933
Tower sections are fabricated in Pennsylvania and shipped by barge from Philadelphia through the Panama Canal to Alameda
San Francisco
Marin County
1935 to 1936 South tower construction; main cables are spun; suspension structure completed December 1936
1937
Work on roadway starts in January; Pedestrian Day is May 27; bridge opens to vehicle traffic May 28
Source: Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District
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Romney running mate search enters audition phase

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mitt Romney's vice presidential search has entered a new phase: auditions.

As his campaign evaluates potential running mates, Republicans with a possible shot at the No. 2 spot on the presidential ticket are starting to engage in unofficial public tryouts for the traditional vice presidential role of attack dog.

Democratic President Barack Obama is "the most ill-prepared person to assume the presidency in my lifetime," New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie declared in a speech in Kentucky this week. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio told South Carolina Republicans that there hasn't been such a "divisive figure in modern American history" as Obama.

Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, speaking Tuesday at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library—it's a favorite venue for Republicans seeking more attention—said Obama "wants to take us further in the wrong direction." In an Alabama appearance this month, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal called Obama "the most incompetent president since Jimmy Carter."

Not that any of them—or any of the others who may have landed a spot on Romney's list—are talking about becoming vice president. Nor are any of them acknowledging that they're trying out for the role or saying the Romney campaign has asked them to do so. Top Romney aides are sworn to secrecy, as are potential running mates and their staffs—an example of the Romney campaign's closely controlled, no-leaks culture.

But their high-profile appearances come more than a month after Romney assumed, for all practical purposes, leadership of the Republican Party. His vice presidential search is well under way, with his Boston headquarters engaged in a secretive process of weighing the pros and cons of each potential pick.

With three months to go until Republican National Convention, his campaign has little time to waste as it meticulously prepares the presumptive Republican nominee to make one of his most important decisions. With it will come implications not just for whether he'll win the White House but how he would govern.

Knowledge of the process is limited to a few of Romney's highest-level aides. Information is on a "need-to-know" basis—and as far as those aides are concerned, there are few people inside the Boston headquarters at 585 Commercial St. who need to know, let alone reporters and other outsiders. The Republicans who discussed the vice presidential selection process did so on the condition of anonymity because the campaign has barred staff from talking about the selection in public.

ACROSS THE NATION

Private supply ship flies by space station in test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The world's first private supply ship flew tantalizingly close to the International Space Station on Thursday, acing a critical test in advance of the actual docking. The unmanned SpaceX Dragon capsule flew within 1 1/2 miles of the orbiting lab as it performed a practice lap and checkout of its communication and navigation systems. Officials at NASA and the SpaceX company declared the rendezvous a success and said the historic linkup is on track for Friday. It is the first U.S. vessel to visit the space station since NASA's shuttles retired last summer—and the first private spacecraft to ever attempt a delivery. The Dragon is carrying 1,000 pounds of provisions.

Autopsy: Man found dead was shot; family killed

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—An autopsy Thursday showed a gunshot to the head killed a man at the center of an Oregon murder-suicide investigation, and the medical examiner said it was consistent with a self-inflicted wound. Police identified the man as Nikolai Lazukin, 27. His body was found Tuesday in a car 80 miles south of a burned house in Salem where his wife and three children were found dead. Authorities said the wife and two of the children had been shot, and an infant asphyxiated. Neither police nor Deputy State Medical Examiner Larry Lewman would officially call the death a suicide. Police released no other details of their investigation.

Police: Teen covers shot friend with blanket

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—An Arkansas man assumed the boy wrapped in a blanket on his futon was his sleeping cousin. But hours later he realized it was a 14-year-old boy he didn't know who, police determined Thursday, had been shot while playing with a gun with a friend. Little Rock police said the boy, TyJuan Woodard, died after he and a 13-year-old friend were playing with a gun that accidentally fired and shot him in the chest Wednesday. The younger boy had covered Woodard's body with a blanket, then left and spent the night elsewhere without telling anyone what happened, police spokesman Lt. Terry Hastings said.

Asia

China and North Korea ties hit rough weather

In this May 29, 2010 file photo, a North Korean patrol boat makes its way along the Yalu river near Dandong in northeastern China's Liaoning province.

AP

BEIJING (AP)—China's leadership is hitting a rough patch with ally North Korea under its new leader Kim Jong Un, as Beijing finds itself wrong-footed in episodes including Pyongyang's rocket launch and the murky detention of Chinese fishing boats.

The testy state of China-North Korea affairs became public this week after Chinese media flashed images of the fishing crews, some of the 28 crew members stripped to their longjohns, returning home after 13 days in North Korean custody accused of illegal fishing. The reports quoted the fishermen as saying they were beaten and starved, and the coverage unleashed furious criticism in China's blogosphere.

"The North Koreans are like bandits and robbers," China's Southern Metropolis Weekly newspaper quoted one fisherman as saying Tuesday. The story, shared thousands of times on China's Sina Weibo social media website, said the hijackers ripped down the Chinese flag on one boat and used it "like a rag."

While much remains unclear about the event—including whether the fishing boats were poaching in North Korean waters—to some Chinese observers it seemed like a slap on the face from Kim Jong Un, who took power after his father died in December.

"The context of what is happening now between China and North Korea is this: Since Kim Jong Il died, the Kim Jong Un regime has been unfriendly to China," said Shi Yinhong, an international relations expert at Renmin University in Beijing.

But even to the skeptics, the recent discord is unlikely to rupture an alliance that the countries' communist leaders like to say was "sealed in blood" in the Korean War. "They can weather it," said John Delury of Yonsei University's Graduate School of International Studies in South Korea.

Pyongyang remains heavily reliant on Beijing for diplomatic protection in the United Nations and for much of the country's food, trade and oil. Chinese leaders worry that without the Kims in power, a North Korean meltdown would send a destabilizing wave of refugees into China and give U.S. troops stationed in South Korea an opportunity to move closer to the Chinese border.

But in part because of its steadfast support, Beijing finds the lack of regard from Pyongyang all the more irritating. Relations between the sides are "very strained at the moment," said Stephanie Kleine-Ahlbrandt, a Beijing-based analyst with the International Crisis Group think tank.

The strains come as Beijing would like to coax the young Kim into launching bolder economic reforms to lessen North Korea's reliance on hand-outs and into easing regional tensions so as not to drive the U.S., South Korea and Japan into closer alliance.

The fishing fleet episode comes amid other diplomatic frictions.

Shi, the Chinese analyst, said Pyongyang failed to give Beijing a heads-up about a deal concluded with Washington in February for American food aid in return for concessions on North Korean missile and nuclear programs.

Pyongyang compounded the affront by testing a rocket that stoked regional tensions and drew strenuous Chinese objections. China called in the North Korean ambassador to Beijing and urged Pyongyang publicly to desist, to no avail. Pyongyang did not give Beijing advance notification of the launch last month, said Shi and others.

"They did not inform China in advance. The Chinese government is indignant," Shi said.

A smoke-free country?
New Zealand taxes aim for it

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—There are smoke-free bars, smoke-free parks, even smoke-free college campuses. But a smoke-free country?

New Zealand's government on Thursday squeezed smokers more than ever by announcing a 40 percent hike in tobacco taxes over the next four years. Prices here are already among the highest in the world, and by 2016 they will top 20 New Zealand dollars ($15) a pack on average.

Officials hope higher taxes and new restrictions will bring the nation of 4.4 million closer to a recent pledge to snuff out the habit entirely by 2025. Other countries have lauded the idea of trying to wean their populace off tobacco, but few, if any, have been willing to put a date on it.

Health officials here are so serious they recently considered hiking the cost of a pack of cigarettes to 100 New Zealand dollars ($75). Although that idea was dismissed, another measure, which will force retailers to hide cigarettes below the counter rather than putting them on display, will come into effect in July.

Smoking rates among New Zealand adults have fallen from about 30 percent in 1986 to about 20 percent today. Cigarette sales have fallen more sharply, suggesting that even people who haven't quit cut back as prices rose.

People who are still smoking aren't happy about where prices are going.

Chris Hobman said the cost is "horrendous" and could drive some low-income people to commit crimes to support their habit. He said the government needs to provide more support and alternatives to smokers if it's serious about making them quit.

Wellington resident Hayley Mauriohooho, who has smoked for about 20 years, said that although it would be good if more people quit, higher taxes won't stop her.

"It's quite ridiculous for the government to be concentrating on that," she said. "They have bigger things to worry about."

New Zealand's Cancer Society reacted to Thursday's announcement by sending out a press release titled "Thumbs Up!" Michael Colhoun, a spokesman for the anti-smoking lobby group ASH, said the fact that a higher percentage of low-income people smoke will mean the tax increases will force many to cut back or quit entirely because they simply won't be able to afford their habit.

The New Zealand branch of cigarette company British American Tobacco says the tax increases will force consumers to turn to the black market.

Chinese activist's brother flees guarded village

BEIJING (AP)—The brother of Chinese activist Chen Guangcheng has fled his closely guarded village to seek legal advice Thursday in Beijing on how to protect his son from what their supporters call retaliation by local officials, an attorney said.

Chen sought protection of U.S. diplomats last month after escaping virtual house arrest in his hometown, sparking a standoff between Beijing and Washington and highlighting the extralegal measures taken by local Chinese officials to suppress dissent.

The two countries resolved the standoff by agreeing to let Chen and his immediate family travel to the U.S. so that he could attend a university, but his supporters say the legal activist's extended family in Shandong province faces a continued crackdown.

His nephew, Chen Kegui, has been arrested and accused of attempted murder during a clash last month with local officials who burst into his home looking for Chen after his escape.

Chen Guangfu—the activist's brother and the father of Chen Kegui—met Thursday in Beijing with attorney Ding Xikui to discuss his son's case, the lawyer said.

Ding says he and another attorney were authorized by Chen Kegui's wife to defend him. However, police at the Yinan detention center where Chen Kegui is being have told the lawyers that government-appointed attorneys will be representing him instead.

Ding said Chen Guangfu wanted to meet with him to affirm that he, too, wanted Ding to represent his son, not the government-appointed lawyers.

"We are still in negotiations with the local authorities" on Chen Kegui's case, Ding said, adding that Chen Guangfu also wanted to meet his daughter-in-law who is staying in Beijing.

Two other rights lawyers said that Chen Guangfu called them once he left the village. One of them, Jiang Tianyong, said Chen Guangfu described the security situation in his hometown as having become tighter since Chen Guangcheng escaped the village a month ago.

"There are more people, many more people. They are stationed at the entrance of the village and at major intersections, they are spread even farther and wider," Jiang said.

ASIA BRIEFS

Couple in China accused of burying woman alive

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese authorities arrested a man and his girlfriend in the death of an elderly woman he knocked down while driving drunk and whose body was later found buried at a construction site. Police say the woman likely was alive when buried. The official Xinhua News Agency reported Thursday the couple was intoxicated and returning home from a bar in the eastern city of Cixi on April 30 when the man ran over the 68-year-old woman. Xinhua cites a witness as saying the couple carried the woman into their car saying they would take her to a hospital. Instead, they allegedly buried her to avoid responsibility for the accident. One report cites the man as saying the woman had stopped breathing. But Xinhua says police believe she was still alive.

Vietnam jails 3 for anti-government leaflets

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—An official says a court in central Vietnam has sentenced three political activists to up to three and a half years in prison for distributing anti-government leaflets. Presiding Judge Vi Van Chat said that the three were convicted of "spreading propaganda against the state" at Thursday's half-day trial in Nghe An province. He says they were also ordered to serve up to 18 months under house arrest, adding that the fourth defendant was given a two-year suspended sentence. Chat declined to give details. Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director of Human Rights Watch, says in a statement that the four are Catholic activists who were arrested after passing out pro-democracy materials. He called for their immediate release.

Police blockade Papua New Guinea's Parliament

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—Police have blockaded Papua New Guinea's Parliament to prevent lawmakers from entering after the South Pacific island nation's chief justice was charged with sedition. The 30 officers said Friday they will not allow Parliament to sit until after June elections. The blockade is a reaction to Deputy Prime Minister Belden Namah leading officers on Thursday in the arrest of Chief Justice Sir Salamo Injia. Injia appeared in a court on Friday charged with sedition. He did not enter a plea. He was one of three judges who on Monday ruled that ousted leader Sir Michael Somare was the nation's legitimate prime minister and not the man elected by a majority of lawmakers last year, Peter O'Neill.

Myanmar power-cut protesters clash with police

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Demonstrators protesting electricity outages in Myanmar clashed with police Thursday, and several were arrested. The spreading protests are a test of the tolerance of a reformist civilian government after decades of military rule. Parliament member Win Myint said demonstrators in his constituency resisted when they thought police were going to arrest their leaders and the six people detained were released later. Protests over chronic power outages began Sunday in the central city Mandalay and have spread to at least four other locations, challenging the new government of President Thein Sein, who has promised political reform.

World

Brotherhood claims lead as Egypt vote count begins

CAIRO (AP)—The Muslim Brotherhood quickly staked a claim Thursday for its candidate to advance to a runoff vote, saying its exit polls showed him leading in Egypt's landmark presidential election to succeed ousted leader Hosni Mubarak.

As vote-counting began, exit polls by several Arab television stations also suggested the Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi was ahead of the pack of 13 candidates. The reliability of the various exit surveys was not known, and a few hours after the end of two days of voting, only a tiny percentage of the ballots had been counted. But the swiftness of the Brotherhood's claim showed its eagerness to plant its flag and establish in the public eye that Morsi had at least won entry into a second round vote. There are five prominent candidates, but none is expected to win outright in the first round. A run-off between the two leading contenders would be held June 16-17.

The first truly competitive presidential election in Egypt's history turned into a heated battle between Islamist candidates and secular figures rooted in Mubarak's old regime. The most polarizing figures in the race were Morsi and former air force commander and former prime minister Ahmed Shafiq, a veteran of Mubarak's rule.

The Brotherhood is hoping for a presidential victory to seal its political domination of Egypt, which would be a dramatic turnaround from the decades it was repressed under Mubarak. It already holds nearly half of parliament after victories in elections late last year.

The group has promised a "renaissance" of Egypt, not only reforming Mubarak-era corruption and reviving decrepit infrastructure, but also bringing a greater degree of rule by Islamic law. That prospect has alarmed more moderate Muslims, secular Egyptians and the Christian minority, who all fear restrictions on civil rights and worry that the Brotherhood shows similar domineering tendencies as Mubarak.

"I think we are on the verge of a new era. We trusted God, we trusted in the people, we trusted in our party," prominent Brotherhood figure Essam el-Erian said at a news conference at which the group claimed its lead.

Morsi's campaign spokesman, Murad Mohammed Ali, cited exit polls conducted by Brotherhood campaign workers nationwide, though he declined to give percentages for Morsi's lead.

AP

Egyptian women line up outside a polling station in Cairo, Egypt, Thursday, May 24, 2012.

In Egypt vote, families debate on generation lines

CAIRO (AP)—Arwa el-Hussein, a 20-year-old pharmacy student, has been quarreling with her father for weeks, trying to get him not to back Hosni Mubarak's former prime minister for president.

"This is a betrayal of the revolution," she says of support for Ahmed Shafiq, a veteran of the regime that last year's uprising sought to topple. "I get depressed when I think about it."

Egypt's landmark election for a new leader, in which voting took place for a second day Thursday, has brought out a generation gap in many families around the country, with elders looking to old, known faces and their children yearning for something new.

The result is a lot of squabbles and shifting alliances around dining room tables and in front of living room TVs showing endless candidate interviews. El-Hussein said she managed to sway her mother to "vote for the revolution," but her father successfully won one of her brothers over to the Shafiq side.

Her mother, Omayma, is now hard-core against any Mubarak regime candidate, branded by many as "feloul," or "remnants."

"We will have a second revolution if the feloul win," mom declared.

For the young, a new face is a way to pay a debt to the revolution and bring a change in the entrenched ways of Mubarak's autocracy. Without last year's uprising, they argue, Mubarak would never have ceded the power he had held for 29 years and the doors never would have opened for the first real competitive presidential election in Egyptian history.

Many of their parents, however, crave stability after 15 months of painful transition since Mubarak's fall, with street violence, collapsed security, a battered economy, surging food prices and rising crime rates.

The thrill of the unknown adds an edge to the debates: This race is wide open.

Out of 13 candidates, five have emerged as the most prominent, but none has pulled clearly ahead. Final results of the first round are to be announced Tuesday. If, as expected, no one wins more than 50 percent of the vote, the two top candidates will enter a June 16-17 run-off, with the victor announced June 21. At this point, it's anyone's guess even who those top two will be.

Nearly a quarter of Egypt's population of 82 million is between the minimum voting age of 18 and the age of 30. The generation gap is not cut and dried—every candidate boasts young supporters, and some elders will wistfully say it is time for new blood—but it does appear to be a factor, and it cuts across the polarization between Islamists and secularists.

Many of the young were turning to two "outsiders" among the front-runners. One is Abdel-Moneim Abolfotoh, a moderate Islamist whose inclusive platform has won him the support of some liberals, leftists and even some minority Christians. Abolfotoh is himself something of a rebel, having split with the Muslim Brotherhood.

US poised to vet possible arms for Syrian rebels

WASHINGTON (AP)—As one diplomatic effort after another fails to end more than a year of brutal violence in Syria, the Obama administration is preparing a plan that would essentially give U.S. nods of approval to arms transfers from Arab nations to some Syrian opposition fighters.

The effort, U.S. officials told The Associated Press, would vet members of the Free Syrian Army and other groups to determine whether they are suitable recipients of munitions to fight the Assad government and to ensure that weapons don't wind up in the hands of al-Qaida-linked terrorists or other extremist groups such as Hezbollah that could target Israel.

The plan, which has not yet been finalized, reflects U.S. frustration that none of the previous efforts—including diplomatic rhetoric from the United Nations and the multinational Friends of Syria group, and special envoy Kofi Annan's plan for a cease-fire—has even begun to nudge President Bashar al-Assad from power. The vetting would be the first tiny step the U.S. has made toward ensuring that the Syrian opposition uses the weapons to fight Assad and not to turn it into a full sectarian conflict.

While some intelligence analysts worry that there may be no suitable recipients of lethal aid in the Syria conflict, the vetting plan has arisen as the least objectionable idea in a complicated situation.

Young Style

Are your kids in the right seat?

By NICOLE VILLALPANDO
AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

AUSTIN, Texas—This is a confusing time for parents who are chauffeurs to not only their children but also their children's friends. Children are passing along all kinds of legal information to one another about booster seats.

They know the law, like the state law in Texas that became effective in September 2009: Children younger than 8 and shorter than 57 inches must ride in a booster seat.

Children are so savvy that, in Texas, they think their days of car seats and boosters are magically over on their eighth birthdays.

> **» Know the law, know the best practices of car seat safety**

And, legally, they are correct, but laws are just what's enforceable for states, says Dr. Dennis Durbin, the associate trauma director at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the lead author of the American Academy of Pediatrics' guidelines on car seats and booster seats. If the law stated that a child should stay in a booster seat until the seat belt fits without the booster, the law would be hard to enforce, Durbin says, but that's the academy's guideline.

Today, as the summer driving season is approaching, we look at car seat, booster seat and seat belt safety for all road trips—from cross-country sightseeing to a trip to the grocery store.

We talked with Durbin as well as Tareka Wheeler, Safe Kids Austin coordinator at Dell Children's Medical Center, and Dr. Nilda Garcia, medical director of trauma services at Dell Children's. Use our illustration as your cheat sheet of where children should sit in the car and what type they should be using. Know that four out of five car seats are installed incorrectly. Go to safekids.org to find a car seat safety checkup event or make an appointment by calling 324-TOTS.

THE FRONT SEAT

In carpool dropoff lanes at elementary schools all over, you see children emerging from the front seat. But children younger than 13 should not be in that seat, Wheeler says. The average 13-year-old has enough height, weight and skeletal muscular maturity to ride in that front seat with the air bag that will come at them at 200 mph in a crash. The safest place to be in any car regardless of passenger's age is the middle of the back seat (or the middle seat of the middle row in a minivan.)

Yet, Wheeler, who is trained to install car seats, has installed one in the front seat. If a mom has four children and a five-passenger sedan, you put the oldest child in the front with that seat pushed all the way back, she says.

Rear-facing car seats absolutely cannot go in the front. Parents can check with the car dealer to see about turning off the front passenger air bag. This is also true for pickup trucks.

REAR-FACING CAR SEATS

The cry heard around the playground happened last year when the American Academy of Pediatrics changed its car seat recommendations to say that children younger than 2 should remain in rear-facing car seats. Before, it had been almost a rite of passage that on your child's first birthday, you made the car seat forward-facing. Actually, Durbin says, his group didn't really change the rules. It has always been that a child should be in a rear-facing car seat until he or she outgrows the height and weight of that car seat. A decade ago, most rear-facing car seats only accommodated about 22 pounds in weight. Now, those car seats are good for kids up to 30 or 35 pounds, some even to 50 pounds.

Rear-facing car seats are generally safer than front-facing car seats because the crash impact gets spread across the back of the seat rather than the front of the child, Wheeler says. Even after a child turns 2, if she still fits within the height and weight requirement of that rear-facing car seat, keep her there until she outgrows it.

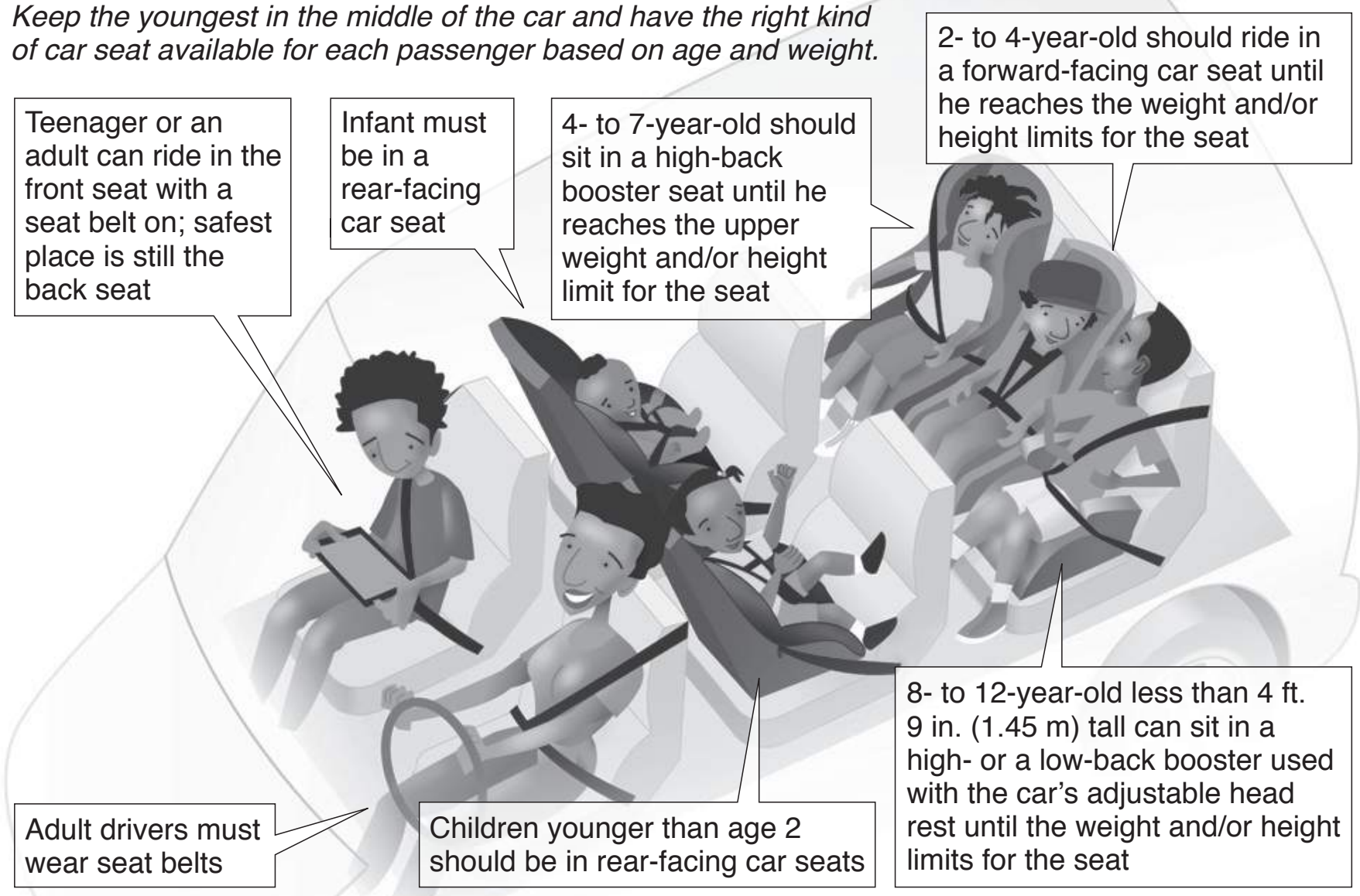
The most important thing parents can do when installing these car seats is read the car seat's instructions and read the car manufacturer's instructions. The car manufacturer will tell you where the LATCH system is in the car. Even though the safest place for that rear-facing car seat is the middle of the back seat, some older cars don't have a LATCH system for that seat.

Given a choice between using a LATCH system or the seat belt to attach the car seat, use the car's LATCH system. Don't use both, which can put undue stress on the seat. When using a seat belt, make sure it's threaded correctly through the car seat according to the car seat manufacturer's instructions. Also make sure that you lock the seat belt by pulling on it then letting it go.

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN/MCT
In this February 13, 2007 file photograph, Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Robbie Barrera, left, a certified child passenger safety technician, assists new mother Julie Spears in the proper way to carry her newborn daughter Arden, two months old, in her SUV.

Where's the safest spot for young passengers?

Keep the youngest in the middle of the car and have the right kind of car seat available for each passenger based on age and weight.


Teenager or an adult can ride in the front seat with a seat belt on; safest place is still the back seat
Infant must be in a rear-facing car seat
4- to 7-year-old should sit in a high-back booster seat until he reaches the upper weight and/or height limit for the seat
2- to 4-year-old should ride in a forward-facing car seat until he reaches the weight and/or height limits for the seat
8- to 12-year-old less than 4 ft. 9 in. (1.45 m) tall can sit in a high- or a low-back booster used with the car's adjustable head rest until the weight and/or height limits for the seat
Children younger than age 2 should be in rear-facing car seats
Adult drivers must wear seat belts

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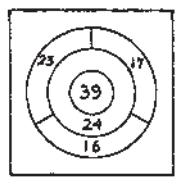
ON TARGET! A sharpshooter with a flair for mathematics scored 100 on the target at right. This score was attained with six consecutive shots.

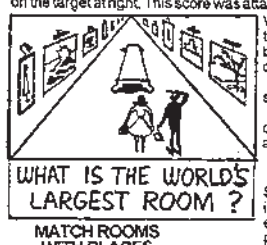


While all six shots hit the target, the total obviously could not have been made with six bull's-eyes or six of any individual amounts.

How, then, was the target struck to score exactly 100?

As a clue, let it be known that one number was struck twice and another four times.

Sixteen was struck twice and seventeen four times.



WHAT IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST ROOM?

SUM MEMORY! "I'm the 5-year-old who fed you peanuts back in 1960, remember?" said the —-year-old joker to the circus elephant. Fill blank with person's present (1995) age. No fair peeking below.

Present age of person is forty.

MATCH ROOMS WITH PLACES

JUST for fun, see if you can match the following rooms with related locations (one each) listed below. Example: No. 1, classroom: school.

1. Classroom ——
2. Emerg. room ——
3. Stateroom ——
4. Reading room ——
5. Mudroom ——
6. Dressing room ——
7. Locker room ——
8. Choir room ——
9. Jury room ——
10. Gaming room ——

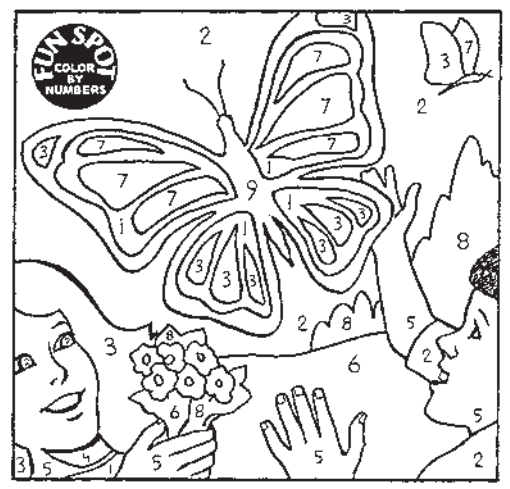
Locations: School, courthouse, ski resort, church, casino, steamship, theater, library, hospital, gym.

Time limit: 2 minutes.

1—school. 2—hospital. 3—steamship. 4—library. 5—ski resort. 6—theater. 7—gym. 8—church. 9—courthouse. 10—casino.

Riddle: Room for improvement.

OVER CAST! Cow, moon, dish, spoon — we have an assortment of at least 25 critters above. How many of them can you find?



FLY BYE! Dear butterfly, please flutter down and smell the posies. Colors: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh. 6—Lt. green. 7—Orange. 8—Dk. green. 9—Dk. purple.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

MACKEREL

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible twosome: Cram, keel.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By SAMANTHA WEAVER

■ It was celebrated physicist Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

■ It was in 1917 when one Dr. Walter G. Walford wrote an article warning readers of the perils of tight collars and ties, claiming that such constricting neckwear caused illness by retarding the flow of blood to the brain.

■ It's fairly well known that seahorses are monogamous, staying with the same mate until death. Many people don't realize, however, that these fish are so devoted that every day they reaffirm their union with a morning greeting dance.

■ When Ronald Reagan's daughter, Patti, got married, there were more security personnel than guests in attendance.

■ America got its first paved street back in 1647. It was, unsurprisingly, in New York City.

■ The fastest known star is traveling through space at a rate of 3.5 million miles per hour.

■ The figure on the Heisman trophy was sculpted from a real person. Warren Mulrey played football for Fordham University when John Heisman chose him to be the model for the new award.

■ If you're like the average American, you use 2 gallons of water every time you brush your teeth. So turn off that faucet while you brush!

■ If you like squash, corn, beans, pecans, chili peppers, pumpkins, maple syrup or cranberries, you have Native Americans to thank—they're the ones who taught Europeans to gather and use these foods. In fact, by the end of the past century, fully one-third of all crops grown in the United States were of Native American origin.

■ It's not easy to contemplate, but before there was toilet paper, American colonists used corncobs.

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Thought for the Day: "Nothing pains some people more than having to think."—Martin Luther King Jr.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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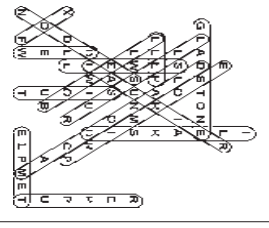

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Preventing dog attacks

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My dog, "Andie," is a pretty laid-back border collie, well-socialized to other dogs and people. However, I am dismayed when a child runs up to her or another strange dog to pet or hug her. Andie tolerates these "surprise hugs" well, but other dogs may not be so well-trained. Can you please remind your readers about the right way to approach a strange dog? — Carol J., Pittsburgh

DEAR CAROL: You got it! Approaching a dog, even a dog you know, should be done with caution and respect. Parents need to teach their children how to behave around dogs. More than half of the 4.7 million Americans bitten by dogs last year were children.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (avma.org) and Prevent the Bite (preventthebite.org) have joined the U.S. Postal Service to call attention to preventing dog bites. Here are some tips:

■ Never leave a baby or a small child alone with a dog, even the family pet.

■ Teach children not to approach strange dogs, run up to dogs to hug them or try to pet them through a fence.

■ Always ask permission of a dog's owner before petting the dog. You should pet the dog first before letting your child pet the dog.

■ Learn the right way to approach and pet a dog, including your own dog. It should first be able to see you and sniff you. If the dog tenses, bristles, growls or backs away, back off.

■ Do not approach tethered or confined dogs, sleeping dogs or mothers taking care of puppies.

■ If you're passing a dog, whether on or off a leash, walk steadily and calmly past, without making direct eye contact. Never run.

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Send your questions or tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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Send a handwritten thank you to teacher

"Mr. Wold, you taught me how to read and write," begins the thoughtful thank-you book 5-year-old Emmett Brown is making to give to his kindergarten teacher on the last day of school. Emmett eagerly practices his new skills as he sounds out words and writes them with a sharp pencil. "I think your glasses are cool when you read to us," he continues, energetically dotting the "i" and crossing the "t."

"Making a little book or card is a personalized way of showing teachers how much they have made an impact on young lives," says his mom, Wendy Brown, mother of two and blogger of her inspiring site about the art of handwriting, (www.brownink.co) Computers are a way of life for kids, but she believes it's important to make room for paper, pencils and pens, too.

"Emmett was going to write a card for his teacher, but when we discovered a create-your-own-books kit at a toy store, he got excited to make it a bigger production," she said.

To get started, Wendy and Emmett talked about the school year and then she helped him create topics for each page. Using photos, stickers and magazine pictures, the pages feature nature outings, ice skating, night sky watches and even the birth of Mr. Wold's baby girl. The "Words of the Day" page lists Emmett's favorites -- groundhog, The White House and chrysanthemum. On the "I like your one-liners" page he writes "It's the weekend, baby!" and he also glues on a tiny note from Mr. Wold: "Emmett, I'm hog wild for you."

Your school-age kids can show their appreciation to their teachers by putting energy behind a pen or pencil, too. Help them make their own small book by stacking nice paper and punching holes along the side. Bind them together by weaving ribbon or string in and out of the holes. If you prefer, make a card by folding heavy paper in half or use a large sheet of construction paper cut in half lengthwise. Tape the short ends together to make a long strip and make accordion folds. Jot thoughts and attach pictures on each section.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Good Housekeeping

GREEN BUILDING TIPS

Tiffany Barcik, an architect at Moon Bros. Architects who is a LEED-accredited professional and EarthCraft-trained, offered these green building tips.

- Take your site into account and how rain flow, wind and orientation will impact heating, cooling and irrigation around your home.
- Consider setting up your home for solar power even if you don't plan on using it right away.
- Companies such as Metlund offer hot water circulation systems that recirculate cold water while you wait for your hot water to kick in. The result is instant hot water without water waste. The system can be installed in both new homes and during a home renovation.
- Explore solar water heating, a fairly easy feature to integrate in either a new home or a renovation project.
- Look at low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) in not just rugs, paint and finishes, but also in cabinetry, which can off-gas dangerous substances such as formaldehyde for the life of the cabinet.
- In the future, as water conservation rises in prominence, homeowners should consider a gray-water recycling system like those made by Brac Systems in which used shower water or laundry water (gray water) is used to flush toilets or irrigate.
- Choose the most efficient and properly sized HVAC for your needs. A variable-speed air handler system is often a good choice for a more comfortable and efficient cooling system and is generally cheaper to operate.

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Allowing for a fluid connection between inside and outside, the open plan living and kitchen area open up to one of the home's many outdoor rooms. More connections to outside also mean more airflow and less need for air conditioning in Georgia's warmer months.

HGTV's eco-home goes lean and green

By FELICIA FEASTER
THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

ATLANTA—There are many reasons to go green, whether building a new home or renovating an existing one. You'll save money when you make your systems function more efficiently, and you'll have a warm glow of satisfaction at saving the planet one solar water heater at a time. A beautifully seductive billboard for the merits of green building, the striking house that HGTV built sits on a hill in the 1,000-acre Chattahoochee Hills, Ga., community of Serenbe, 30 minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

The three-bedroom, 2 ½-bath home will be awarded to one lucky sweepstakes winner in late June and will be open for public tours from May 4 through June 24 (11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays). For chances to enter the sweepstakes, go to www.hgtv.com/green-home/index.html.

Designed by Atlanta architect Steve Kemp of Kemp Hall Studio, the HGTV Green Home 2012 is a 21st-century spin on the classic American farmhouse, a combination of nostalgia and forward-thinking green values evident in features such as solar panels to generate electricity.

HGTV/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION/MCT

Modern home design is trending away from separate formal dining rooms and toward more accessible open plan dining areas like this one, which features a console table made from reclaimed materials.

HGTV/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION/MCT

A whimsical loft bed, vaulted ceiling and a punchy color scheme make creative use of a small space in this kid's room on the second level of the HGTV Green Home.

The HGTV Green Home illustrates a new approach toward green. While in the past, green building might have meant using low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paint and Energy Star appliances, the approach to green is becoming much more holistic, encompassing a lifestyle that embraces existing with less space, living in a home longer and, best-case scenario, locating your home in a green-friendly community.

Tiffany Barcik is an architect with Atlanta's Moon Bros. Architects, which has built three homes at Serenbe. All Serenbe homes are by design "green" because they have to adhere to EarthCraft principles and take advantage of the community's commitment to sustainability.

"It's not just individual houses trying to be green, it's a whole community," Barcik said.

With the economy affecting the way people think of home buying, there have been philosophical shifts that will impact the green movement.

One of the key green features of the HGTV home is its size. "Building smaller is the best green thing to do," Kemp said.

"I would say that the one thing we pushed in this home was challenging how much space we really need," Kemp said. "Having a maximum-efficiency geothermal system and you're still heating and cooling 5,000-6,000 square feet? If you can live the same way in 3,000 or 2,000 square feet, then you have gone way beyond anything you can do with any particular system."

What contractors, designers and architects recommend most often is that homeowners spend a little money up front in building or renovating a home, for greater cost savings and quality of life down the road.

"Everyone needs to start thinking about value," said Georgia Muncaster, an architectural designer at Kemp Hall.

Tips for energy efficiency

By LORI JOHNSTON
THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

Builders, remodelers, interior designers and real estate agents encourage ways to improve energy efficiency—"acts of green"—on your own turf. Here are their tips:

■ Keep the air filters clean

Heating and air can account for up to 30 percent of your utility bills. Make sure your air filters are clean and Freon is charged to proper levels. These two simple tips go a long way in keeping your energy bills down.

■ Change your light bulbs

In the past there was a push to convert from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent, however, I am encouraging our clients to look at LEDs now as well. We put them in our house, and the light quality is great, and they are rated to last up to 20 years while saving energy at the same time. What's even better than energy-efficient lighting is turning off lights and other devices when not being used. By just turning things off, you can save 10 percent or more in utility cost.

■ Install energy-efficient appliances

Fairly inexpensive things that will increase the energy efficiency but not necessarily be noticeable to a buyer are: Install a programmable thermostat, install insulation and install outlet insulators on exterior walls. One thing that will get a buyer's attention and spruce up the kitchen would be to install all new Energy Star appliances. Buyers like new appliances, and Energy Star appliances will save energy and money.

■ Emphasize natural sunlight

Use minimal window coverings to maximize natural light. Paint your north-facing rooms in lighter colors to maximize sunlight in the winter months.

■ Consider new ceiling fans

High-volume, low-speed fans are an excellent solution for the many loft owners in the city who have spacious rooms with high ceilings. These can run a couple thousand dollars with simple paybacks in the two-year range. Otherwise, ceiling fans can save homeowners up to 40 percent of their summer electric bill.

The super-efficient Emerson Midway Eco fan costs about $500.

■ Recycle for new decor

New pillow covers can freshen up a look. Some of my favorites are old, classic white lace covers that you would find at a place like Scott Antique Markets, or you can even have some made out of curtains, or even clothes. I have jeweled pillow covers that used to be a shirt.

Life & Style

Nicole Kidman is taking risks, but not with family

By KENNETH TURAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CANNES, France—"I'm not interested in being safe, and I'm willing to fail because of that," Nicole Kidman declares, not a shred of doubt in her voice. "I feel very ashamed when I do something safe."

That may sound like the easy thing for an actor to say sitting in a quiet cabana at the luxurious Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc. But throughout her career, which includes three Oscar nominations and one victory, Kidman has always walked that particular walk as well as talked it, and never more so than this year.

Kidman has two films showing this year at the Cannes Film Festival (Philip Kaufman's "Hemingway & Gellhorn" and Lee Daniels' "The Paperboy"), and they showcase her in roles that couldn't be more wildly different. As far as Kidman is concerned, that is a very good thing. "The diversity of characters is the thing I'm most interested in," she says. "I don't think I do well playing myself."

In "Hemingway & Gellhorn," Kidman plays journalist Martha Gellhorn, married to the novelist (played by Clive Owen) for five years but best remembered today as one of the 20th century's great war reporters.

"I don't get to read many scripts that are going to be made that are driven by a woman," Kidman, 44, says of her interest in the project. "She's a woman who sacrifices a lot, who doesn't compromise, for a force she feels inside her, which is to tell the stories of people around her."

If this HBO production and Kidman's role in it share the pleasant feeling of classic, almost glamorous filmmaking, "The Paperboy," adapted from the Pete Dexter novel, is something else again. A lurid, wildly excessive melodrama that depicts rural Florida in the 1960s as a cesspool of feverish mendacity, "Paperboy" features the actress totally convincing as a character whom fellow residents of Moat County describe as "an oversexed Barbie doll."

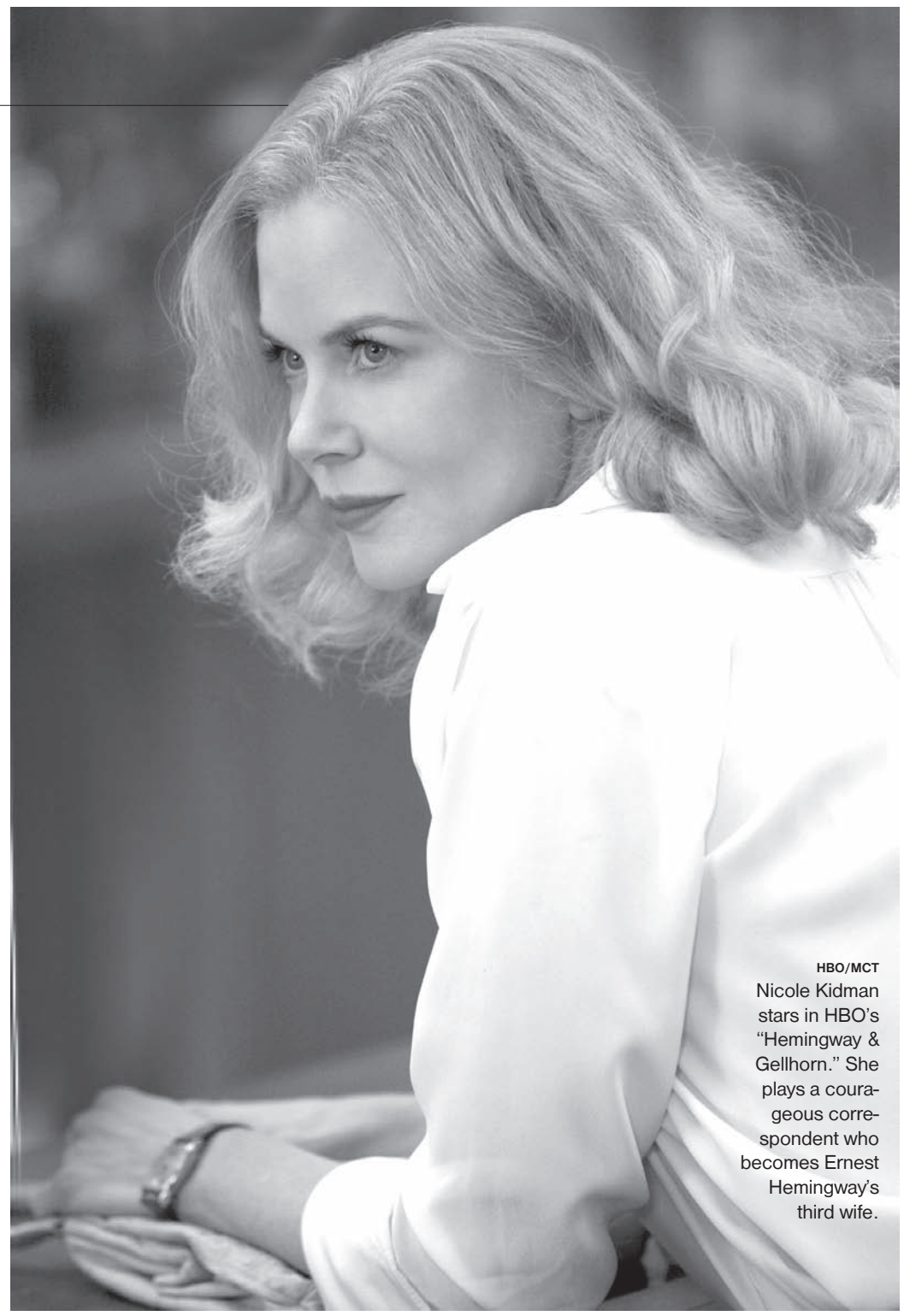
That would be Charlotte Bless, a woman of formidable, unapologetic sexuality whose main activity is starting epistolary romances with death row inmates. She focuses on Hillary Van Wetter (John Cusack), a sullen, white-trash alligator hunter behind bars for killing the local sheriff, and convinces Miami journalist Ward James (Matthew McConaughey) and his younger brother Jack (Zac Efron) that his claims of innocence are worth investigating.

A maelstrom of seething emotions, "Paperboy" features scenes of extreme and graphic sexuality. In taking the part, Kidman was guided, as she often is, by her connection with the filmmaker. "I believe in putting an enormous amount of trust in your director, and I'm willing to take the knocks if it doesn't work," she says. "I've chosen that path, chosen to contribute, and I have to trust as an actor and try not to be a control freak."

With Kaufman, Kidman responded to a director she describes as "incredibly deep and a philosopher with a very wise outlook on life."

A fan of Daniels' best picture Oscar nominee "Precious," Kidman describes the director as feeling "'give me all of it, I want to devour the world.' Lee is raw and abandoned, he will do or say anything, he's completely erratic and wild and will shock you with the things he says."

Because Kidman makes decisions about parts on a gut level, she is used to hearing criticism about her choices.



HBO/MCT
Nicole Kidman stars in HBO's "Hemingway & Gellhorn." She plays a courageous correspondent who becomes Ernest Hemingway's third wife.

"There are so many different opinions out there, it is so extreme, diverse and loud, there is so much noise, that to get caught up in that seems like minutia," she says. What she does feel is "protective of the director. I worry about how they're going to fare. I'm there, but it's them, they're putting themselves on the line."

The thing that Kidman feels most protective about, however, is her marriage to country star Keith Urban and her two youngest children, 4-year-old Sunday and 17-month-old Faith. (She has two other children from her previous marriage to Tom Cruise.)

"That's my priority in terms of my life," she says, noting that she and Urban try not to be apart for more than three or four days and that he is taking a long plane ride to be with her for a day in Cannes.

Projects Kidman takes now must factor family in. "Six months in Africa, I can't do that," she says. "I cannot stand to be away from the girls. I'm not willing to leave them, it's very painful. I attach very deeply, and there are ramifications, pain to endure, if you allow yourself to attach and love to that extreme."

The couple and their children live outside of Nashville, Tenn., an area Kidman enjoys, among other reasons, because it is "removed" from the limelight.

"When you get to this age, I want to breathe, I can go with the flow of it," she explains. "There's still a fire that ignites in me creatively, but I know how to put it out for a while."

That fire is also the one thing Kidman is not willing to do without professionally. "As you get older, you can lose that abandonment," she says. "I want to stay in that place of 'Try it, why not.' I very much still try to maintain that artistically."

Given where she is in her life, Kidman looks thoughtful when reminded that when she was a teenager beginning serious acting in Australia, she decided to model her career on Katharine Hepburn: She wasn't going to marry or have kids, she was just going to act.

"I knew the thing I need to do was seek out my path artistically," she says, looking back now on her younger self. "A burning force within me wanted to go out and explore the world, have experiences. If I was going to fall in love at 18 and have a child, I would not have done that.

"In my psyche, the desire to find a partner was very strong, but I didn't want to give in to that. I had to fight against what I knew my nature was."

It's something she doesn't have to do anymore.

50 years of '007'

The James Bond film series will mark its 50th anniversary with the release this autumn of "Skyfall," the 23rd official Bond film — those produced by Eon Productions and producers Cubby Broccoli and later Michael Wilson and Barbara Broccoli.

Playing Bond ... James Bond

Daniel Craig
The first blonde actor to play Bond and the first to be born after the start of the film series; his reserved demeanor makes him the coolest "007" since Connery

Bond films
Casino Royale, 2006
Quantum of Solace, 2008
Skyfall, 2012

Sean Connery
With his easy smile, deadpan wit, impassive manner, Connery came to epitomize the suave secret agent

Bond films*
Dr. No, 1962
From Russia With Love, 1963
Goldfinger, 1964
Thunderball, 1965
You Only Live Twice, 1967
Diamonds Are Forever, 1971

*Connery's "Never Say Never Again" was not a Broccoli production

George Lazenby
Playing Bond once allowed Lazenby to move from modeling to movies, a career that continued after his short stint as 007

Bond film
On Her Majesty's Secret Service, 1969

Roger Moore
Ian Fleming's favorite Bond; although older than Connery, Moore's Bond was more youthful, relaxed, tongue-in-cheek

Bond films
Live and Let Die, 1973
The Man With the Golden Gun, 1974
The Spy Who Loved Me, 1977
Moonraker, 1979
For Your Eyes Only, 1981
Octopussy, 1983
View to a Kill, 1985

Timothy Dalton
Recognized for his work with the Royal Shakespeare Company before breaking into films and later playing Bond

Bond films
The Living Daylights, 1987
License to Kill, 1989

Pierce Brosnan
Signed to play Bond in 1986 but unable to get out of a TV contract; Brosnan finally got his chance in 1995

Bond films
GoldenEye, 1995
Tomorrow Never Dies, 1997
The World Is Not Enough, 1999
Die Another Day, 2002

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Jackson shows off new curves in the French Rivera

CAP D'ANTIBES, France (AP)—Janet Jackson may have joined the ranks of diet plan celebrity spokeswomen Jennifer Hudson and Mariah Carrey, but she insists there's absolutely no competition among the slimmed-down singers.

The 46-year-old became a spokesperson for NutriSystem in December and credits the diet company for helping her lose weight, though she's keeping quiet about the exact number she's lost.

"You know I think it's great that all the girls, or as many as possible, can stand up and try to help as many people as possible. That's really what it's about. It's not about competing with each other, not for me," said Jackson in a plunging neckline Pucci gown at amfAR's Cinema Against AIDS gala Thursday in Cap D'Antibes, France.

"I took off all that extra stuff I really didn't need and I feel really good," she said.

Carrey became the spokesperson for Jenny Craig after dropping 30 pounds (13.6 kilograms) with their plan and a toned Hudson is seen singing the praises of Weightwatchers in the company's commercials.

AP

Janet Jackson at the auction for the amfAR Cinema Against AIDS benefit during the 65th Cannes film festival, in Cap d'Antibes, southern France, Thursday, May 24, 2012.

But it wasn't all glitz and glam for Jackson, who traveled the south of France to co-share the annual amfAR charity event. The recent loss of industry legends Donna Summer and Robin Gibb still weighed heavily on her mind.

"They've brought so much joy to this world," said Jackson on the red carpet. "I remember being 11-years-old, going to New York and I was visiting Mike (Jackson), he was working on `The Wiz' and I was on hiatus from shooting the show `Good Times' and we would always listen to `How Deep is your Love', that was the song of my trip, he and I. So it was such incredible memories of them."

Gibb, a founding member of the Bee Gees, died May 20 following a battle with cancer and intestinal surgery. Disco icon Summer died May 17 of lung cancer.

Right now Jackson is busy working on new music, which she says is still in the "beginning stages."

"Everything I've done, it's always been different here or there, from one album to the next, a mixture of stuff. So we'll see," she said.

Elton John falls sick, cancels 3 Las Vegas shows

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Elton John is canceling three Las Vegas performances on doctors' orders after being hospitalized with a respiratory infection.

Officials with Caesars Entertainment say the Thursday, Saturday and Sunday performances of "The Million Dollar Piano" are being cancelled.

Show officials say Elton John came down with the infection last weekend and was admitted Wednesday to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He was later released.

Doctors recommended he not perform for a week and take antibiotics.

The singer says in a statement that he's sorry he can't be with his fans at The Colosseum.

Ticket holders are eligible for refunds or exchanges at the site where they bought tickets.

"The Million Dollar Piano" launched in September for a three-year run and features the singer's classic songs.

Nearly 21M viewers for 'Idol' finale a new low

NEW YORK (AP)—Nearly 22 million TV viewers seems like a lot—but for an "American Idol" season-ender, it's a new low.

The crowd that tuned in Wednesday night when bluesy guitar man Phillip Phillips won the "Idol" crown constituted the smallest for an "Idol" finale in its history, according to final Nielsen Co. figures.

The audience of 21.5 million was down by nearly one-third from the 29.3 million viewers who saw country singer Scotty McCreery's victory a year ago, an audience total that had rebounded by 20 percent from the finale in 2010.

The Fox singing competition has experienced ratings erosion during this entire season, its 11th.

ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" finale show on Tuesday night also drew its lowest audience ever for a season-capper, averaging 17.5 million viewers, down 18 percent from a year ago.

Stars sell, sell, sell at amfAR Gala

CAP D'ANTIBES, France (AP)—Hugs, kisses, a massage and a vampire bite—stars were desperate to sell to the highest bidder at the amfAR Gala at the Cap D'Antibes.

In an attempt to raise money Thursday at the Cinema Against AIDS auction, celebrity presenters threw in bribes to persuade the well-dressed audience to part with their money, and try to achieve a target of $10 million.

Held at the exclusive Hotel Du Cap, over-looking the sea, Janet Jackson, Alec Baldwin, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Kylie Minogue, Gerard Butler and Kim Kardashian all attended the black tie event.

Heidi Klum offered a massage, Diane Kruger donated the services of her boyfriend Joshua Jackson, "Vampire Diaries" starlet Nina Dobrev said she'd willingly bite a bidder and Chris Tucker did a mini Michael Jackson dance routine—all to win people over and get them opening their wallets.

Many references were made to the troubled European financial climate—appropriately, Aloe Blacc took to the stage to sing "I Need a Dollar," while Jessie J performed "Price Tag."

However, austerity measures were not encouraged.

Diners watching the auction take place on stage in a large marquee were asked to empty their bank accounts buying an Andy Warhol Marilyn Monroe print, the chance to star in a short film by Karl Lagerfeld, a private match with Novak Djokovic or a holiday on Lake Como.

For the first time at the French amfAR auction, there was also a fashion show.

Models strutted on a catwalk between dining tables to show off 24 outfits, selected by former Vogue editor Carine Roitfeld to create the "Perfect Black Wardrobe."

Containing designs by Chanel, Dior, Armani, Kenneth Cole, Lanvin, Valentino, Tom Ford and Louis Vuitton—the winning bidder paid 320,000 Euros to have them made in a size of her choosing.

The final total for the items under the hammer is still being calculated—although it seems likely that these celebrity sales people will easily reach their $10 million total.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Mass. native O'Brien talks about start in comedy

BOSTON (AP)—Late-night talk show host Conan O'Brien visited Boston to talk about the art of comedy and how he got started in it. O'Brien was at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library on Thursday, where he was interviewed by Boston Globe film critic, Wesley Morris. O'Brien, a Brookline native, recalled that old movies sparked his interest in show business. But his parents talked him out of it, so he focused on academics and got into Harvard. His future course was set when he became involved with the Harvard Lampoon, the school's comedy publication. O'Brien hosts "Conan," a late-night talk show on TBS.

New Yorker mag serialize Egan story on Twitter

NEW YORK (AP)—Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jennifer Egan's latest New Yorker magazine story is being serialized on Twitter. Egan's spy thriller, "Black Box," is being tweeted through The New Yorker Fiction Department's Twitter handle (at)NyerFiction. The tweets began Thursday night. Each of 10 140-character installments will be available on the magazine's Page-Turner blog. The entire story will appear in the Science Fiction issue of the magazine, which goes on sale Monday. Egan's novel, "A Visit From the Goon Squad," won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Rob Kardashian, Joe Jonas among Miss USA judges

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Donald Trump's Miss USA pageant is keeping up with the Kardashians. Pageant officials announced Thursday that Rob Kardashian, who's a former "Dancing with the Stars" competitor and the brother from the "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" reality show, will be among the celebrity judges at the 61st annual pageant June 3 in Las Vegas. Former "Bachelorette" Ali Fedotowsky, pop star Joe Jonas and "Fashion Police" host George Kotsiopoulos also will help name the next Miss USA. The winner goes on to compete in the Miss Universe pageant. Reality stars Andy Cohen and Giuliana Rancic will host the competition at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Single women wonder where all the single men are hiding

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My friends and I are women in our late 40s and early 50s. Some of us are married, some are single. Individually or as a group we have taken classes, volunteered, gone on cruises, gone to clubs and bars—you name it.

We have noticed that nearly everyone at these activities is either female or with a female as part of a couple. There are loads of single middle-aged women out there joining things and having fun, but there seem to be almost no single middle-aged men. Friends in various parts of the country report the same thing.

Where do the single men go? They rarely go out alone or with a male buddy. Our running joke is they're all home watching bad cable TV. Middle-aged guys must be there somewhere, but where? You'd think that if they wanted to meet women, they'd go where women are, but we rarely see them. Can you solve this mystery for us?

WHERE THE BOYS AREN'T, NORTHERN WYOMING

DEAR WHERE THE BOYS AREN'T: Part of your problem may be that most of the males in your age group are already married. I don't recommend looking for eligible men in clubs and bars because the ones who go there are usually looking for younger women.

I do suggest volunteering because it offers an opportunity to expand one's circle of acquaintances, and even if you don't meet a man there, you might meet a woman who knows someone who is eligible. I caution women who are looking for companionship not to "hunt in packs" because some men find the idea of approaching a group of women to be daunting.

The pool you're fishing in appears to be small. Have you considered looking online for men in other communities in your state? You will increase your odds of success by putting yourselves "out there" because most relationships begin as the result of luck and timing.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful man for two years. We're talking about marriage, but there is a problem. He has his ex's name tattooed on his backside and it's starting to bother me. I offered to pay to have it removed, but he doesn't want it off. Do I stay with him and try to get over it, or break up with him and find someone else? Help me!

REALLY CONFUSED GIRL IN COLORADO

DEAR REALLY CONFUSED: Removing a tattoo can be expensive, time-consuming and painful. If the only deal-breaker in your relationship is the tattoo, consider asking him to turn the other cheek and have YOUR name placed opposite his ex's so you will have equal billing. A large "X" could be inked over the ex's name if it would make you feel better.

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DEAR ABBY: Please settle a debate between my fiance and me. He contends that when we're in a restaurant, it is impolite to say to your server, "I will have ..." and insists that the request should be, "May I have ... ?"

I was raised to believe that either statement would be acceptable. What say you?

QUERY-CONSCIOUS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR Q.C.: If the server asks you, "What'll you have?" it's perfectly acceptable to respond, "I'll have ..." However, "May I have ..." sounds more refined.

If this is the only complaint your fiance can come up with, he's a lucky man and should count his blessings.

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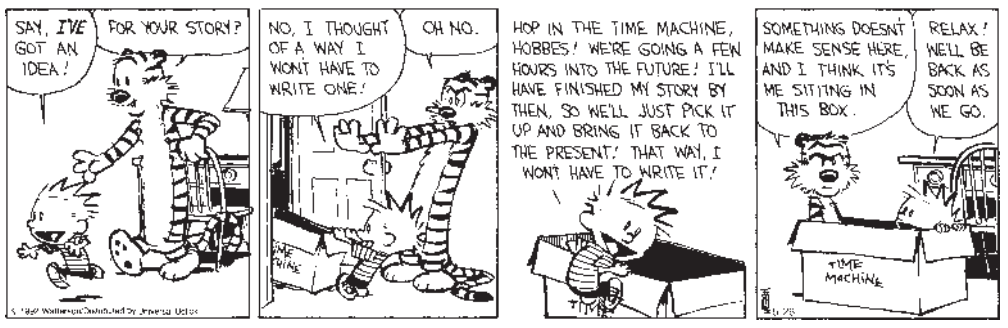
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

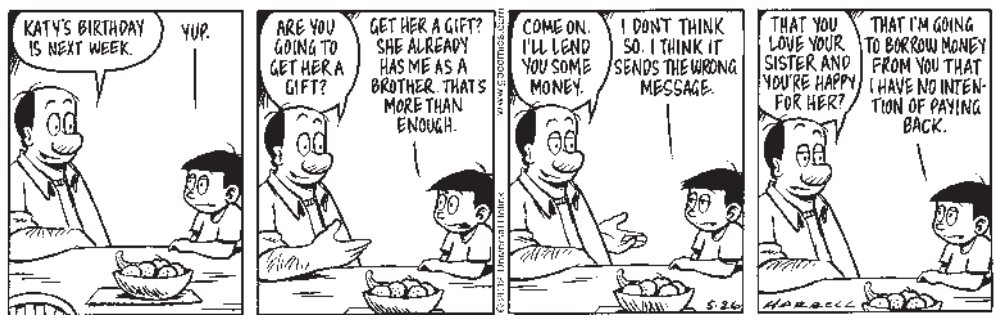

SAY, I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
FOR YOUR STORY?
NO, I THOUGHT OF A WAY I WON'T HAVE TO WRITE ONE!
OH NO.
HOP IN THE TIME MACHINE, HOBBES! WE'RE GOING A FEW HOURS INTO THE FUTURE! I'LL HAVE FINISHED MY STORY BY THEN, SO WE'LL JUST PICK IT UP AND BRING IT BACK TO THE PRESENT! THAT WAY, I WON'T HAVE TO WRITE IT!
SOMETHING DOESN'T MAKE SENSE HERE, AND I THINK IT'S ME SITTING IN THIS BOX.
RELAX! WE'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS WE GO.
TIME MACHINE

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


KATY'S BIRTHDAY IS NEXT WEEK.
YUP.
ARE YOU GOING TO GET HER A GIFT?
GET HER A GIFT? SHE ALREADY HAS ME AS A BROTHER. THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH.
COME ON. I'LL LEND YOU SOME MONEY.
I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK IT SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE.
THAT YOU LOVE YOUR SISTER AND YOU'RE HAPPY FOR HER?
THAT I'M GOING TO BORROW MONEY FROM YOU THAT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF PAYING BACK.
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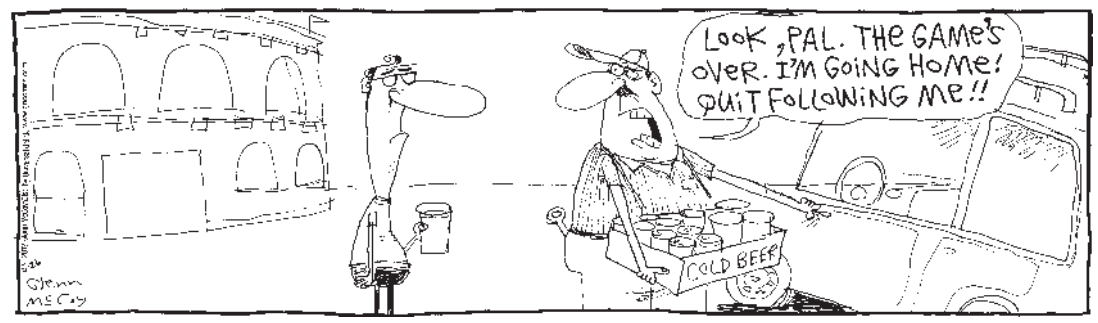
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 PC peripheral
6 Shrimp recipe
12 Tranquil
13 Establish by decree
14 Anti-elderly bias
15 Disguised, in a way
16 New Mexico resort
17 Tournament format
19 DDE's WWII command
20 Rooney of "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"
22 Frat party prop
24 Lamb's dam
27 Showbiz egotist
29 Frat-party garb
32 Place for doctors-to-be
35 Poker variety
36 Oodles
37 Buck's mate
38 Coquettish
40 Blood line?
42 Grazing land
44 Somewhere out there
46 Works with
50 Raiments
52 Amount consumed
54 Big name in tableware
55 Small sofa
56 Cruel one
57 — up (excited)

DOWN

1 Humongous
2 Black-and-white snack
3 Basic religious belief
4 Halves of 24-Down
5 Monument
6 To a degree
7 Part of a really old telephone
8 Commercials
9 Indemnify
10 Painter Mondrian
11 — -European
12 Took a meeting
18 Ballet legend Anna
21 Mil. staffer
23 Biblical verb ending
24 Type measures
25 Drench
26 Learned
28 It shares a key with 8
30 Stickum
31 Hearty brew
33 Altar affirmative
34 Vegas-based TV series
39 Gridiron stats
41 Eccentric
42 Asian nation
43 Sicilian spouter
45 Accomplishment
47 Fill till full
48 — out (supplemented)
49 Witness
51 Square root of IX
53 Born

Solution time: 27 mins.

W	O	W	■	U	S	E	R	■	T	R	A	P
E	G	O	■	N	E	R	O	■	H	I	G	H
B	R	O	A	D	W	A	Y	■	R	O	O	D
B	E	S	S	I	E	■	A	Y	E	■	■	■
■	■	■	H	E	R	■	L	E	E	W	A	Y
P	O	L	E	S	■	I	T	S	■	P	U	E
A	L	A	N	■	A	N	Y	■	K	A	R	L
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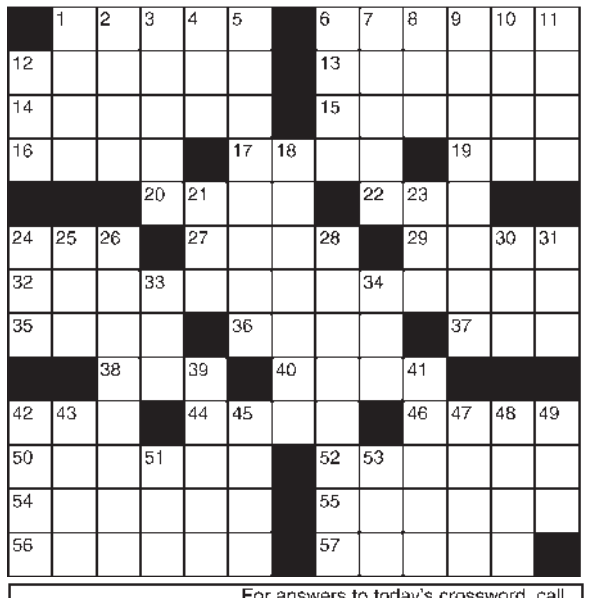
Yesterday's answer 5-26



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Helena Bonham Carter, 46; Lenny Kravitz, 48; Sally Ride, 61; Hank Williams Jr., 63.

Happy Birthday: New connections can be made, and a window of opportunity will be opening for you soon. A creative concept you have can help you earn extra cash. You will attract support and the monetary help you need to move forward. Being receptive and easy to get along with will be your ticket to success. Your numbers are 8, 13, 15, 26, 33, 37, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Focus on relationships and romance. Extend an invitation to someone you love. Work toward a financial goal with someone who can bring as much to the table as you. Don't wait for change to come to you. Make it happen. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Slow down, look at all your options and listen to what others have to say. You don't want to make a mistake because you are too proud to accept help or suggestions. Be a participant and an enthusiastic and compromising contributor. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Put honesty first. It's better not to have any regrets. A romantic encounter looks promising, as long as you aren't tempted to be with someone who is already in a relationship. Ask questions before you get involved. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Taking part in an educational event or day trip will lead to new friendships or turning an idea into a reality. Don't let a past experience hold you back when you should use what you've learned and move forward. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): A change will do you good. Invest in you and your surroundings. A promise made will lead to a good long-term partnership. Don't be afraid to show your emotions or share your concerns. Good things will come from being frank. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take one step at a time. Haste will make waste, and that is something you'll want to avoid. Look at your financial situation and you'll come up with a good plan that will help you save more or get more for less. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Participate in events or activities and you will attract attention and drum up support for your own projects or plans. Love is highlighted, but don't let anyone cost you financially, or you may end up feeling resentful. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Helping others is fine, but draw the line where money is involved. You may end up being taken advantage of if you are too liberal with your checkbook. The people who count will take on your challenges and your pastimes willingly. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Plan a fun-filled day, but tend to any responsibilities first or you will meet with complaints. Love is highlighted, and making personal and residential changes that will help you improve your living arrangements will pay off. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Putting pressure on someone will not bring good results. You are best to take care of anything you want done without complaining. Part of staying in control is taking on the responsibilities that allow you to do so. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Emotions will be difficult to control, but you will weather any storm you encounter if you put your energy into love and getting along with the people who matter. Truth and honesty will determine the outcome of any discussion. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Listen, observe and consider where you stand, but don't divulge your thoughts unless you want to meet with opposition. Taking the quiet route to reach your destination is the best way to ensure that you will reach the finish line. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are unusual. Your vision and awareness guide you.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	7					2	6	
5					2	1		7
				8			5	9
			5				4	
		1				9		
	3				6			
9	8			5				
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	1	6					3	

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/26

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

3	7	4	5	6	8	2	9	1
5	6	2	1	9	4	3	8	7
1	9	8	2	7	3	5	6	4
7	8	9	3	5	6	1	4	2
6	3	1	4	2	9	8	7	5
4	2	5	8	1	7	6	3	9
8	5	6	7	4	2	9	1	3
9	1	7	6	3	5	4	2	8
2	4	3	9	8	1	7	5	6

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/25

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

JELLY BEANS Solution: 8 letters

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S	O	M	N	P	G	R	A	N	I	I	E	Y	H	O
Y	O	O	U	D	I	T	C	A	N	L	R	I	E	L
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T	A	M	R	T	T	U	N	B	N	E	B	P	Y	E
R	P	L	U	F	R	O	L	O	C	H	E	R	R	Y
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C	C	W	A	T	E	R	M	E	L	O	N	A	E	B

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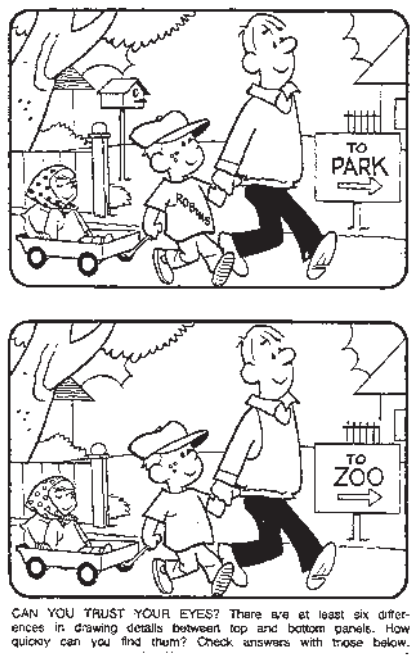
Yesterday's Answer: Helium

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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6	7	5	4	8	7	4	2	3	5	8	5	3
E	U	A	A	A	N	D	A	C	V	C	O	E
7	2	4	6	4	2	5	7	6	2	8	6	5
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2	3	7	8	6	5	8	7	5	8	7	4	2
R	L	N	O	T	E	N	O	X	I	F	F	O
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2	8	3	7	2	6	3	4	6	7	4	6	8
P	E	B	D	E	G	R	R	O	S	F	P	A
3	8	3	4	5	6	4	3	6	2	6	2	6
A	S	T	U	S	P	N	E	O	N	R	S	T
3	6	3	6	3	6	3	6	3	6	3	6	6
L	U	I	N	V	I	I	T	N	I	G	E	S

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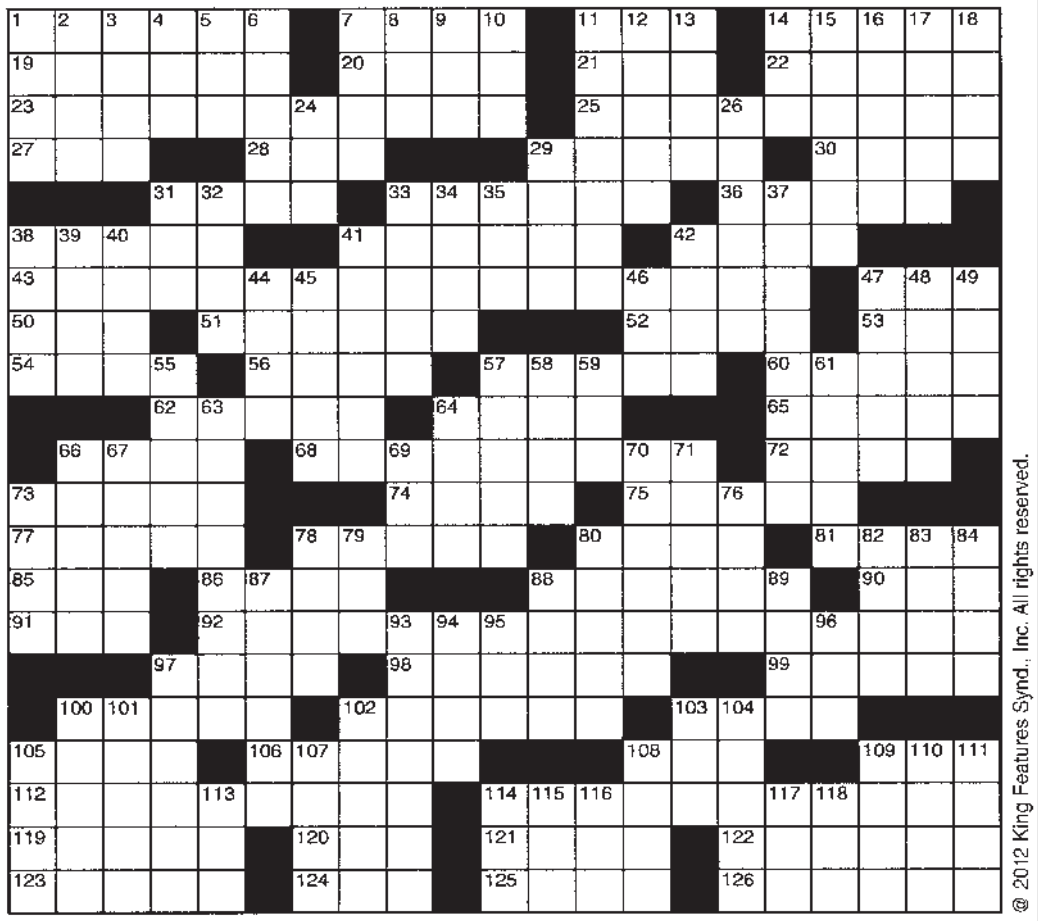
Super Crossword

TIMBER LINE

ACROSS
1 '84 Daryl Hannah film
7 Belfry sound
11 Poetic monogram
14 Little rascal
19 Bunch of ballplayers
20 Fairy-tale fiend
21 Spring mo.
22 Forbidden
23 Start of a remark by 114 Across
25 Teddy-bear president
27 Tut's relative
28 Ganesh or Hanuman
29 That's the spirit
30 Building wings
31 Level
33 Actress Welch
36 With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author
38 Face lift?
41 Anchored
42 Hot spot?
43 Part 2 of remark
47 Aries animal
50 Important numero
51 See 36 Across
52 "— look at me!"
53 Distinctive period
54 Irving character
56 Hotels
57 Prepare the Parmesan
60 Toil
62 Dwelling
64 Trim a photo
65 Rotund
66 Vittle statistics?
68 He's got plans for you
72 Skilled
73 Pick-me-up
74 Sheet of stamps
75 Big name in kids' music
77 TV's "Starsky and —"
78 Get on
80 Cougar
81 Viscount's superior
85 Put into service
86 Partially open
88 "Summer —" ('72 hit)
90 Mauna —
91 Augsburg article
92 End of remark
97 Wise guy?
98 Bother
99 Like Hawaiian shirts
100 Wails
102 Vicar's assistant
103 Bend
105 Saucy
106 It gets squirreled away
108 Beastly place?
109 Jacket info
112 Gardener's friend
114 Speaker of remark
119 "— Gay"
120 Khan opener?
121 Kind of roast
122 He's left holding the bag
123 Enticed
124 Pewter base
125 Cunning
126 Layers

DOWN
1 Blind part
2 Body-builder's pride
3 Need
4 Give it — (try)
5 Big —, CA
6 Reduce a risk
7 Little lake
8 "The — and I" ('47 film)
9 Word with folk or fine
10 Tenor Slezak
11 Durham denizen
12 Bobbin
13 Cupid, in Corinth
14 Sault — Marie, MI
15 Collapse
16 Ring — (seem familiar)
17 Aquarium fish
18 Saucepans
24 Charged atom
26 Witty Wright
29 Spiritual guide
31 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
32 Do or die?
33 Takes a break
34 Exercise aftermath
35 Status —
37 Diner fare
38 Self-important
39 Blabby bird
40 Borodin's "Prince —"
41 Sermon subject
42 Woodwind instrument
44 The Furies, e.g.
45 Toyota competitor
46 Banned pesticide
47 Defy a dictator
48 Faced the day
49 Stallion's sweetheart
55 Lose control
57 Pulverize
58 Learning method
59 Mimic
61 Activist Hoffman
63 15th president
64 Burn a bit
66 Animal that roared?
67 Log
69 Pocket protector?
70 Altar vessels
71 He keeps lions in line
73 Heavy blow
76 Disconcert
78 Bete noire
79 Nev. neighbor
80 Novel language?
82 Baseball family name
83 Crucifix
84 Tramp's tootsie
87 Pieceful pursuit?
88 Gravy vessel
89 Finish the lawn
93 "The Avengers" actress
94 Knitter's need
95 Monk's title
96 Wicked stuff?
97 Pay up
100 Reeves of "The Matrix"
101 Mistake
102 It's walked at Windsor
103 Watch pocket
104 Crochet units
105 Rind
107 Winter wear
108 Off-the-wall
109 — carotene
110 "Players" actor
111 Gumbo veggie
113 Possessed
114 North Pole worker
115 Milne creature
116 Cowboy Tom
117 Bon — (witticism)
118 "I'm freezing!"



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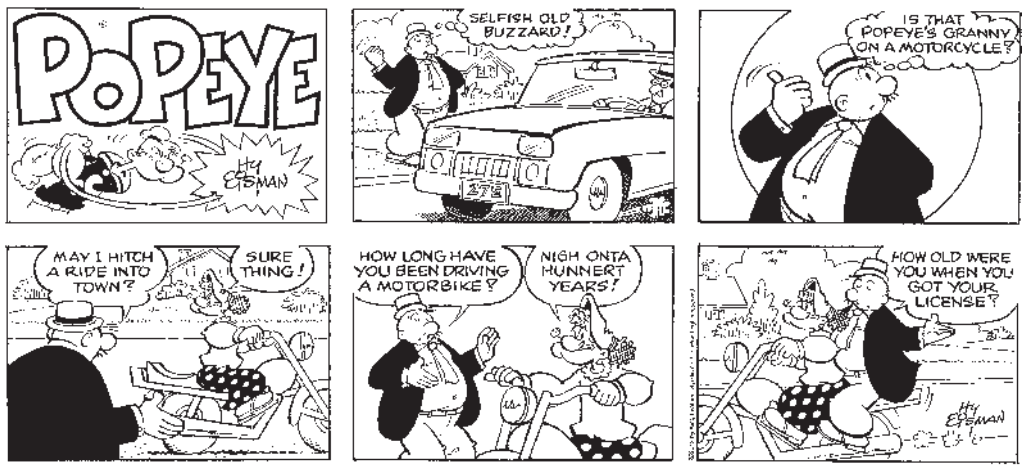
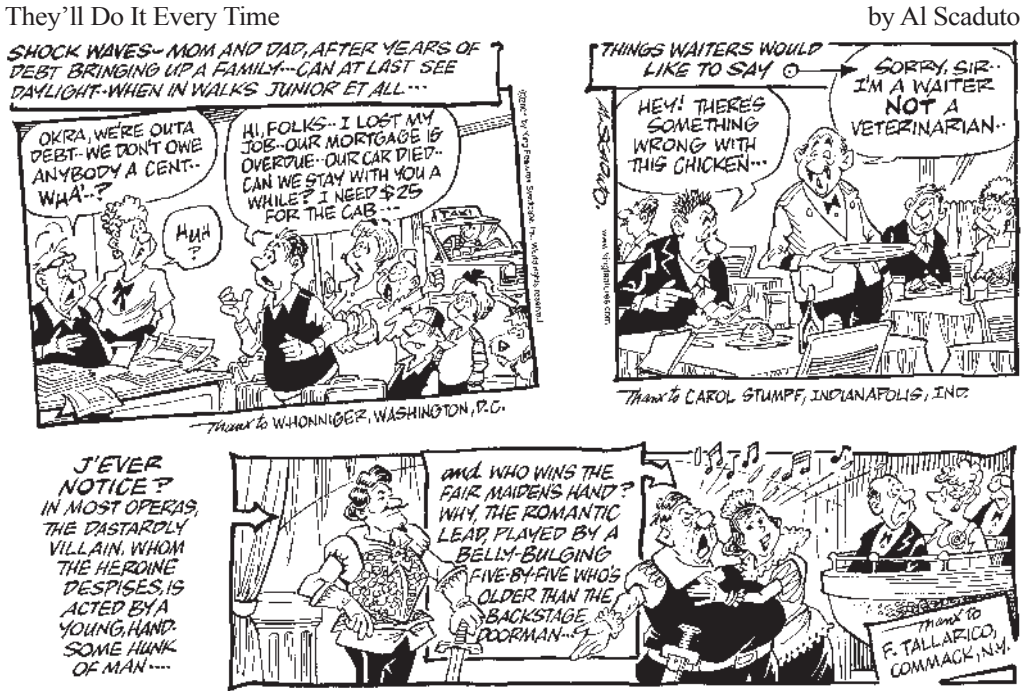
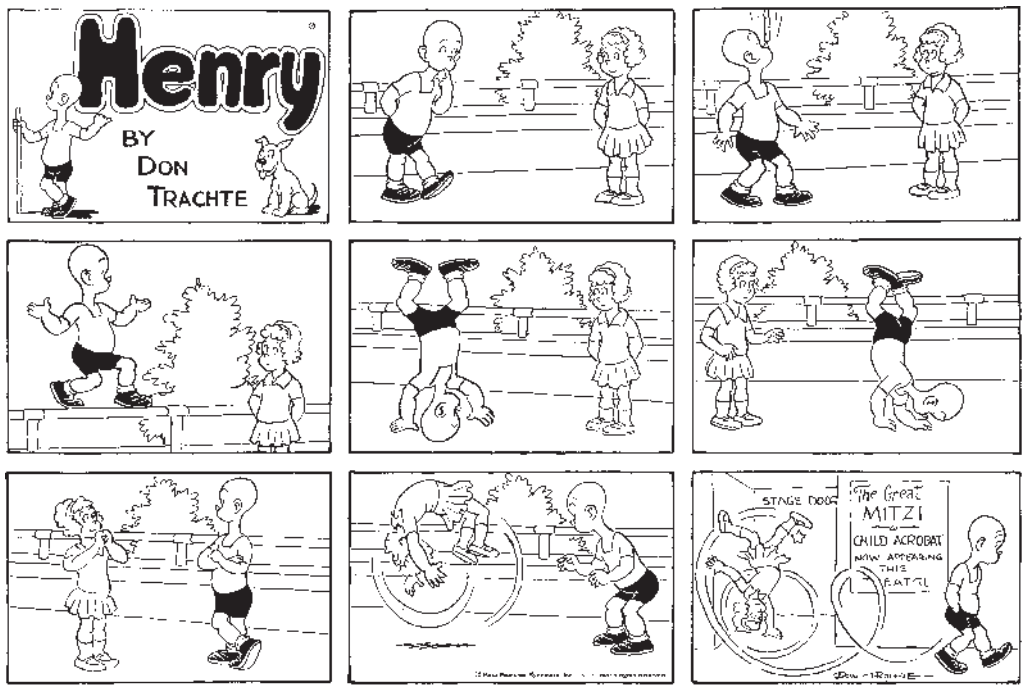

POPEYE
HY EISMAN
SELFISH OLD BUZZARD!
IS THAT POPEYE'S GRANNY ON A MOTORCYCLE?
MAY I HITCH A RIDE INTO TOWN?
SURE THING!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DRIVING A MOTORBIKE?
NIGH ONTA HUNNERT YEARS!
HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU GOT YOUR LICENSE?
WHUT LICENSE YA TALKIN' ABOUT?
YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE, OF COURSE!
DIN'T KNOW YA NEEDED ONE!
WILP! YOU CAN'T DRIVE WITHOUT A LICENSE!
OH REALLY..? WATCH ...THIS!

They'll Do It Every Time

by Al Scaduto


SHOCK WAVES~ MOM AND DAD, AFTER YEARS OF DEBT BRINGING UP A FAMILY---CAN AT LAST SEE DAYLIGHT-WHEN IN WALKS JUNIOR ET ALL···
OKRA, WE'RE OUTA DEBT--WE DON'T OWE ANYBODY A CENT.. WHA'--?
HUH ?
HI, FOLKS-- I LOST MY JOB--OUR MORTGAGE IS OVERDUE--OUR CAR DIED-- CAN WE STAY WITH YOU A WHILE? I NEED $25 FOR THE CAB···
Thanx to W.HONNIGER, WASHINGTON, D.C.
THINGS WAITERS WOULD LIKE TO SAY
SORRY, SIR.. I'M A WAITER NOT A VETERINARIAN..
HEY! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS CHICKEN···
Thanx to CAROL STUMPF, INDIANAPOLIS, INC.
J'EVER NOTICE? IN MOST OPERAS, THE DASTARDLY VILLAIN, WHOM THE HEROINE DESPISES, IS ACTED BY A YOUNG, HANDSOME HUNK OF MAN····
and, WHO WINS THE FAIR MAIDENS HAND? WHY, THE ROMANTIC LEAD, PLAYED BY A BELLY-BULGING FIVE-BY-FIVE WHO'S OLDER THAN THE BACKSTAGE DOORMAN···?
Thanx to F. TALLARICO, COMMACK, N.Y.



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. INVENTIONS: Who developed the process of pasteurization?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is the liquor cassis made from?
3. POP CULTURE: When was the Pillsbury Doughboy introduced in TV ads?
4. ASTRONOMY: What is a "maria"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of South Dakota?
6. LITERATURE: The 2004 movie "Christmas with the Kranks" was based on which novel?
7. MOVIES: Who was the first black man to win an Oscar?
8. ROYALTY: What is Prince Andrew's official title?
9. SPORTS PERSONALITIES: What was the boxing champion Muhammad Ali's original name?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What kind of dog did President Bill Clinton and his family have?

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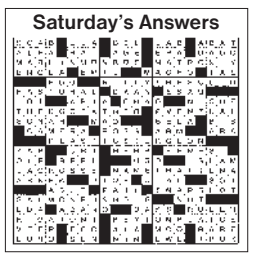
Answers

1. Louis Pasteur
2. Black currants
3. 1965
4. Also known as a sea, a maria is a dark region on the moon.
5. Pierre
6. "Skipping Christmas."
7. Sidney Poitier won for his role in "Lilies of the Field."
8. Duke of York
9. Cassius Clay
10. Buddy, a Labrador retriever

by John Grisham

Saturday's Answers



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

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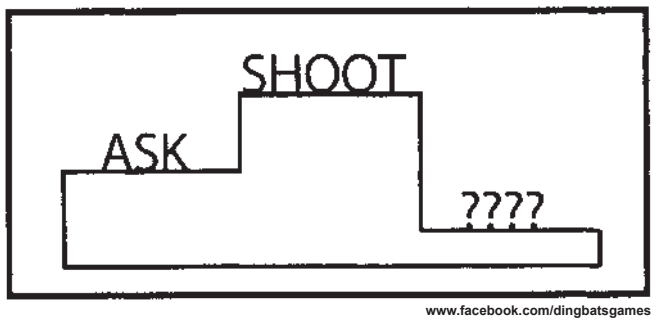

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Wade scores 41, Heat eliminate Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Miami's Big Two was more than enough to finish off the Indiana Pacers.

Dwyane Wade and LeBron James turned around a season on the brink with perhaps the most remarkable week of their high-powered partnership, capped off by a 105-93 victory in Game 6 Thursday night that sent the Heat back to the Eastern Conference finals.

Wade scored 41 points, James had 28 and Miami wrapped up the series 4-2, advancing to face either Boston or Philadelphia.

But this was about more than one game.

This was a dazzling trilogy, Wade and James taking control when the Heat were down and looked like they might be out.

"In the regular season, we've had some good games," Wade said. "But I don't know if we've ever had three in a row like that in the playoffs."

Seven days earlier, Miami trailed 2-1 in the series after getting routed 94-75 in Indianapolis. The fired-up Pacers had another game on their home court and a chance to build a commanding lead.

Instead, the Big Three-Turned-Two took over.

With Chris Bosh sidelined by an abdominal injury, James and Wade soared to new heights in their two-man game. Over the course of three dazzling games, James scored 98 points, grabbed 34 rebounds and dished out 24 assists. Wade had 99 points, 22 rebounds and 11 assists.

"Ever since Game 3, they've played at such a high level," Indiana coach Frank Vogel said. "I don't know if anybody can beat them."

Next up, either the Celtics or 76ers in a series that starts Monday in Miami. Of course, nothing less than an NBA title will make for a satisfying summer in South Beach.

Two series down, two to go.

The Heat rallied from an early 11-point deficit, riding the hot hand of Wade in the opening half. He scored 26 points by the break, tying Tim Hardaway's 16-year-old franchise record for most playoff points in the first two quarters. James hit consecutive baskets with just over a minute remaining to close it out.

"We understand that when Chris went out, we had to step up," Wade said. "The team looked to us to lead."

The banged-up Heat will get a chance to relax a couple of days before worrying about the next opponent, which will be determined in Game 7 at Boston on Saturday.

Bosh hopes to return at some point, but it might not matter.

Not the way Wade and James are playing.

"Chris Bosh is an awesome basketball player, but when he goes down, that just means more touches for LeBron and Wade," Vogel said. "That's not exactly an advantage."

David West led Indiana with 24 points and all five starters were in double figures. But that balance was overwhelmed by Wade and James.

In a game of spurts, the decisive one came in the closing minutes of the third quarter.

The Pacers tied it at 66 on Darren Collison's 3-pointer, but it was all Heat the rest of the period. They closed on a 13-3 run, capped by Mario Chalmers' buzzer-beating 3 from the corner. Wade, who was on the bench getting his customary breather at the end of the quarter, leaped from his seat as the ball left Chalmers' hand at the far end, raced along the baseline and pumped his fist when it swished.

When Chalmers raced toward the Miami bench, Wade greeted him near the free throw line with a low-five.

"We just had a bad stretch," West said. "They got us in the third quarter."

Cheerleading aside, D-Wade did his best work while in the game. He dropped 11-of-16 shooting on the Pacers in the first half, but also made sure the MVP stayed involved, dishing off a behind-the-back pass to James for a thunderous jam.

"They're too good. They capitalize on your mistakes," West said. "We were too loose with the ball. They pressure you all over the place."

Indiana clamped down a bit on Wade after halftime, but he still managed perhaps his most jaw-dropping basket. Darting into the lane, he threw up a wild-looking, one-handed shot that looked like it might go over the backboard, only to catch the top of the glass and drop through, barely touching the twine.

There was none of the nastiness that marked Game 5, when a bunch of flagrant fouls resulted in suspensions for two Miami players, co-captain Udonis Haslem and backup center Dexter Pittman. Pacers president Larry Bird was so disgusted with his team's performance in a 95-86 loss that he accused them of going "soft."

Toughness wasn't the problem this time. This was merely a Miami team on a mission, a mission that began in the summer of 2010 when the Heat signed James and Bosh to join Wade in a seemingly unbeatable trio. There was a glitzy introduction and predictions of multiple championships, which left the rest of the league seething and plenty of people cheering when Miami was knocked off in the NBA finals by the Dallas Mavericks last season.

Shaking off that disappointment, James had perhaps his greatest season yet. But it was Wade who took control in the decisive game against the Pacers, delivering one final blow when he split West and George Hill, banking in the shot despite taking a knee from Hill that sent the Heat guard tumbling to the court.

"We just didn't have enough yet," Vogel said, "but we'll be back."

Chalmers finished with 15 points, while Mike Miller stepped up to provide some quality minutes, scoring 12 points on four 3-pointers to help fill the void without Haslem, Pittman and Bosh.

When Miller wasn't in the game, he stretched out along the baseline to cope with his various aches and pains, more comfortable that way than sitting in a chair. When coach Erik Spoelstra called his number, Miller summoned several of his teammates to help lift him up.

"He might be the toughest guy on the team," Wade said.

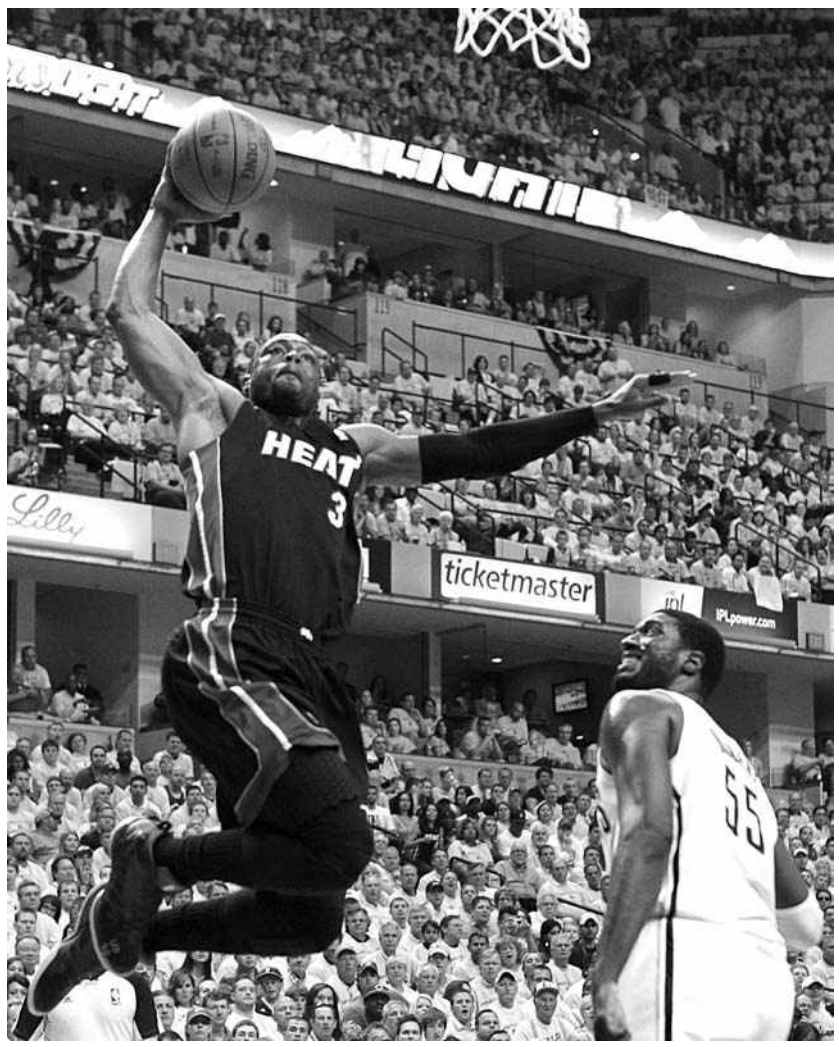
The Pacers started out like they were intent on sending the series back to Miami for a decisive game that surely would have had all of South Florida on edge.

West knocked down a short jumper right off the tip, Danny Granger stuffed one off a fast break, and the Pacers had their yellow-clad fans in a tizzy when Granger connected on a 3-pointer to make it 13-3 before the game was 5 minutes old. Another basket by Granger, this one a turnaround jumper, gave the Pacers their biggest lead at 19-8.

But Miami wasn't going to roll over that easy. Miller made the first of his 3s in the closing seconds of the first quarter, and Wade took over from there. He started the period by banking in a 12-footer, then made another short jumper to leave the crowd stirring uneasily. Miller followed with another 3 - and just like that, it was all tied up.

Yet another 3 by Miller, this one a good 5 feet beyond the arc, gave Miami its biggest lead of the half, 41-35. Back came the Pacers, who went to the locker room with a 53-51 lead and hope of extending their season for at least one more game.

Turns out, they were down to their last half.



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Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade dunks as Indiana Pacers' Roy Hibbert watches during the first half of Game 6 of their NBA basketball Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series, Thursday, May 24, 2012, in Indianapolis.

James, Bryant lead All-NBA team

NEW YORK (AP)—LeBron James was the leading vote-getter for the All-NBA team, while Kobe Bryant earned his 10th first-team selection, tied for second on the career list.

Bryant, a first-team pick for the seventh straight season, joined Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Elgin Baylor, Bob Cousy, Michael Jordan, Bob Pettit, and Jerry West with 10 selections to the first team. Karl Malone is the leader with 11.

James, who won his third MVP award, received 118 of a possible 120 first-team votes Thursday from a panel of writers and broadcasters. Joining him on the first team were scoring champion Kevin Durant, Clippers point guard Chris Paul and Magic center Dwight Howard.

Guards Tony Parker and Russell Westbrook were selected the second team along with forwards Kevin Love and Blake Griffin and center Andrew Bynum.

Johnson has 1st-round lead at Colonial after 64

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Zach Johnson stood behind the fourth green looking at his club and then the ball that rolled within 4 feet of the hole.

"I got lucky," Johnson said about his second shot on the 244-yard par 3 - his 13th hole Thursday—after his tee shot went through the green and stopped in a clump of grass.

Three holes later, Johnson was so deep in a greenside bunker that he couldn't even be seen from the other side of the green until he popped up to watch his blast over the ridge to 2 1/2 feet from the cup.

Those par-savers were part of a bogey-free 6-under 64 that gave him a one-stroke lead after the first round in the Colonial, where 20-30 mph wind with higher gusts whipped through the big oak trees lining the fairways.

"Today was great. I got off to a good start, just hit some quality shots. I didn't put myself ever in a position that was too worrisome," Johnson said. "I kept the golf course in front me. I attacked when I could attack. I had a couple of nice saves when I needed it. ... I've got zero complaints."

Jason Dufner, rookie Harris English, Tom Gillis and Kyle Reifers were tied for second.

Dufner won the Byron Nelson Championship last week, and both of his PGA Tour victories have come in the last four weeks. He started at Colonial with three consecutive birdies, was 5 under after a 10-foot birdie putt at the 174-yard eighth hole, then overcame two bogeys in a three-hole stretch.

Johnson opened with a 40-foot birdie putt at the 396-yard 10th hole on way to his 13th consecutive under-par round at Hogan's Alley. He set the Colonial tournament scoring record with his 21-under 259 in 2010, when he had a pair of 64s in his last PGA Tour victory.

After hitting into a greenside bunker at the 435-yard 12th, he blasted to 9 feet to save par.

"The big putt that got me going," he said. He then had four consecutive birdies, a span that included two par 3s and all the putts between 14-21 feet.

Sergio Garcia, the 2001 Colonial champ in the same group as Johnson, shot a 66 to match Chris DiMarco, Tommy Gainey and Andres Romero.

The 22-year-old English had never played a full round at Colonial until Thursday. That came three days after he shot rounds of 60 and 63 during a British Open qualifier at Gleneagles. That is a much more wide-open layout just outside of Dallas about an hour from Colonial.

"Three bogey-free rounds I have had in a row, which I've never done," English said. "I'm playing solid golf and not really getting out of position. I'm getting my putter going. I'm hitting it to 15 or 20 feet a lot and seemed to be making a good many of those. It's just been good."

English, a winner last year on the Nationwide Tour as an amateur, has made 11 of 14 cuts in his first season on the PGA Tour.

Johnson, the 2007 Masters champion, hasn't won since slipping on that winner's plaid jacket at Colonial two years ago. But he has made all 12 cuts this year, with a runner-up finish at Hilton Head and a tie for second at The Players Championship in his three previous events.

Garcia had an eagle-3 at the 558-yard No. 1, getting him to 5 under through 10 holes. His only bogey came after hitting his tee shot at the dogleg-left third hole into a greenside bunker, and he saved par out of bunkers his last two holes. He hasn't won on the PGA Tour in four years.

Defending Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial champion David Toms, in the group with Johnson and Garcia, had only one birdie in an opening 74. Last year, the 45-year-old Toms started with consecutive rounds of 62 to match the PGA Tour scoring record for the first 36 holes of a tournament.

Duner's approach at No. 9 was just off the back fringe, and he chipped to 6 feet before his par putt circled the cup without falling. A 25-foot birdie attempt at No. 10 rolled over the right edge of the cup, then he bogeyed the 635-yard 11th hole when his third shot went in a greenside bunker and he then two-putted from 9 feet.

Dufner was playing with Matt Kuchar, who two weeks ago won The Players Championship, and Rickie Fowler, The Players runner-up who the week before that got his first PGA Tour victory at Quail Hollow.

Kuchar's only birdie in a round of 72 came on the par-5 No. 1. Fowler birdied two of the last three holes for a 68.

"Decent. Not good, not bad," Fowler said. "It's nice to make two birdies in the last three holes and get back under par and give me some momentum."

Rookie grand slam leads Reds over Braves

CINCINNATI (AP)—Cincinnati's rookie catcher Devin Mesoraco hit his first career grand slam on Thursday, giving the Reds a 6-3 win over the Atlanta Braves on Thursday.

Mesoraco connected off Kris Medlen, who relieved Randall Delgado (2-5) with the bases loaded in the sixth. Drew Stubbs added a solo shot for Cincinnati.

The Reds completed their first four-game sweep of the Braves at home since 1980. They've won six straight, their longest winning streak for two years.

Over the series, the teams combined for 16 homers, accounting for 21 of the 24 runs.

Cincinnati starter Homer Bailey (3-3) gave up four hits in six innings.

Phillies 10, Cardinals 9

In St. Louis, Shane Victorino and Freddy Galvis each drove in three runs, including Galvis' go-ahead single in the sixth inning, as Philadelphia edged St. Louis.

Placido Polanco, Carlos Ruiz and Ty Wigginton added three hits apiece for Philadelphia, which had a season-high 18.

Phillies reliever Raul Valdes (1-0) got the last two outs of the fifth to take the win. Jonathan Papelbon pitched the ninth for his 13th straight save.

Cardinals pitcher Fernando Salas (0-3) gave up Galvis' RBI single and took the loss.

Giants 14, Marlins 7

In Miami, Melky Cabrera had three hits and drove in four runs to power San Francisco past Miami.

The Giants came into the game leading the majors in stranded runners, but went 7 for 17 with runners in scoring position. Their run total and 15 hits were both season highs. Angel Pagan had four RBIs, while Cabrera raised his average to .362.

San Francisco starter Ryan Vogelsong (3-2) allowed three runs in 6 1-3 innings, which hiked his ERA to 2.50, but finally got some strong run support.

Marlins starter Anibal Sanchez (2-3) gave up five runs in 5 1-3 innings.

Padres 11, Mets 5

In New York, Will Venable hit a pair of RBI doubles and Cameron Maybin had two run-scoring singles as San Diego over New York and a long rain delay.

Jesus Guzman hit a two-run double in a four-run third, Everth Cabrera had a career-high four hits and Eric Stults (1-0) pitched five innings to earn his first win with San Diego.

Both starters returned to the mound following a delay of 1 hour, 8 minutes after the second inning. Stults adjusted better than Jeremy Hefner (0-2), shutting down the Mets for three more innings.

New York's David Wright hit a two-run homer and finished 3 for 5 to raise his average to .405 in the first game of the Mets' season-long 11-game homestand.

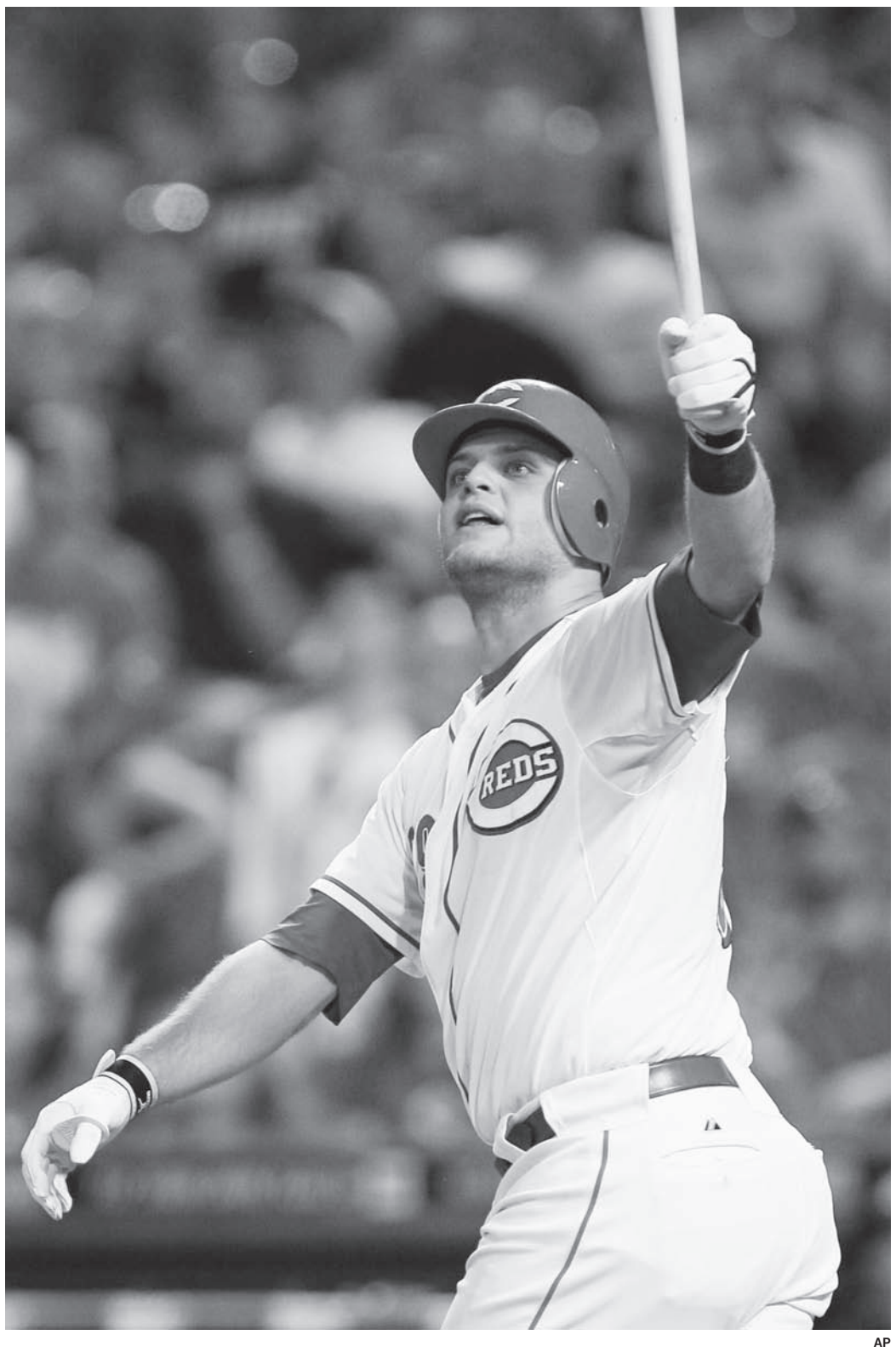
Indians 2, Tigers 1

In Cleveland, Indians pitcher Justin Masterson notched his first career win over Detroit as first-placed Cleveland completed a three-game sweep of the underperforming Tigers.

Masterson (2-3) entered 0-4 in seven starts against the Tigers. He allowed one run in seven innings.

Shin-Soo Choo homered on the third pitch from Detroit starter Justin Verlander (5-2) as the Indians opened a six-game lead over third-place Detroit in the American League Central.

Detroit manager Jim Leyland was ejected in the fifth inning.



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Cincinnati Reds' Devin Mesoraco watches his grand slam off Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Kris Medlen in the sixth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, May 24, 2012, in Cincinnati.

Angels 3, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Albert Pujols had three hits, including the 450th home run of his career, as Los Angeles downed Seattle and won its third straight.

The Angels and Mariners met for the first of 19 games this season and Pujols, a newcomer to the AL West rivalry, made his presence known immediately. He lined a two-run shot off Seattle starter Jason Vargas (5-4) in the top of the first, and added line-drive singles in the fourth and sixth innings.

The three runs were enough support for Los Angeles starter Dan Haren (2-5), who pitched his sixth career complete-game shutout. He allowed only one Seattle baserunner to reach third.

White Sox 11, Twins 8

In Chicago, Paul Konerko and Alex Rios hit back-to-back homers and Alejandro De Aza added a grand slam to cap a six-run sixth inning which powered Chicago over Minnesota.

A.J. Pierzynski and Dayan Viciedo also went deep as the White Sox won for the sixth time in seven games.

Konerko had two hits and drove in two runs. Rios also had two hits and knocked in three in a topsy-turvy game. Chicago led early but gave up four runs in the fifth before hitting their way back to victory.

Chicago reliever Nate Jones (2-0) came on in the fifth and immediately gave up a two-run single but still took the win.

Twins debutant pitcher Cole De Vries (0-1) gave up six runs.

Segui throws 'darts' at Clemens perjury defense

WASHINGTON (AP)—David Segui remembered "darts" but not dates.

The former major leaguer testified for the prosecution Thursday in the Roger Clemens perjury trial, and he would have made a much better witness if he kept a better mental calendar. As it was, Segui was able to recall one specific moment that helped the government's case: a telephone conversation he says he had with Clemens' strength coach 11 years ago.

"He mentioned that he had kept darts to get his wife off his back," Segui said.

With those words, Segui echoed the testimony of the six-week-old trial's key witness. Brian McNamee told the jury last week that he saved a needle and other materials from an alleged steroids injection of Clemens in 2001. McNamee testified he was trying to allay his wife's fears he would take all the blame if the drug use was discovered.

"He mentioned that the relationship between Brian and Roger had put stress on his married life. ... Coming and going ... leaving at the drop of a hat to go train," said Segui, recalling other parts of the conversation.

Segui, who has acknowledged using performance-enhancing drugs during his 15-year baseball career with seven teams, wasn't allowed to say that "darts" means "needles." The judge ruled that the jurors will have to make that assumption themselves—unless McNamee were to return to the stand to explain.

Segui, who became friends with McNamee when they met in Toronto during the 1999 season, also wasn't allowed to relate a second, similar "darts" conversation because he couldn't remember when it happened. He was certain it occurred before the publication of the 2007 Mitchell Report on drug use in sports, but that wasn't good enough for U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton.

"You are to disregard the question," the judge told the jurors, who had been ushered from the courtroom as the lawyers debated the matter.

"I'm not good with dates. I don't log my life," said Segui, who also couldn't remember at what point during the '99 season he was traded from Seattle to Toronto.

Clemens is charged with lying to Congress in 2008 when he denied using steroids and human growth hormone. McNamee says he injected Clemens with both substances and saved some of the waste from the 2001 injection in a beer can.

Clemens' lawyers have implied that McNamee conjured up the evidence after becoming the subject of federal and Mitchell Report investigators in 2007. Segui's testimony was allowed by the judge because it appears to contradict that argument, a significant victory for the prosecution. Another witness, former McNamee workout client Anthony Corso, is expected to give similar testimony Friday as the government wraps up its case.

Segui, whom the government portrayed as a reluctant witness, said under cross-examination that McNamee didn't attach a specific name to the "darts," but that he knew McNamee was training Clemens at the time.

"All I know is what I was told over the phone," said Segui, raising his hands as if to pantomime pushing away. "I didn't see it, didn't ask to see it."

The jurors wanted to know more, especially about the second conversation that Segui wasn't allowed to recall. At least one juror submitted a written question about that conversation. That prompted the judge to admonish the panel: "I've legally ruled that is not before you."

Segui was a colorful witness: He said baseball was "prehistoric" because "they're still doing jumping jacks." He was quite a contrast to Thursday's three other witnesses - experts with lengthy credentials who used big words over agonizingly tedious hours of testimony.

FBI forensic examiner Pamela Reynolds and Jeremy Price, who used to work in the nonprofit Anti-Doping Research laboratory, revealed what the jury must have suspected all along—that the beer can evidence does indeed contain traces of steroids.

Price also said the items he tested did not show any traces of a popular type of the vitamin B12 or the anesthetic Lidocaine. Clemens has said he was given injections of B12 and Lidocaine by McNamee, instead of steroids and HGH.

Clemens' lawyers did not dispute the experts' findings, but they again suggested under cross-examination that the evidence was fabricated by McNamee and contaminated by the way it was stored—kept for several years in a FedEx box in the strength coach's house.

Defense lawyer Michael Attanasio asked whether Price would be concerned if evidence were kept in a "private residence for six or seven years." Price danced around an answer by saying it "depends on what kind of sample."

Attanasio also posed a hypothetical: If he had a syringe with B12, used it, cleaned it out and then put in steroids, would the test reveal the B12?

Price said he didn't know.

Attanasio also made it clear that the experts couldn't say who, if anyone, used the steroids. The government will offer its evidence for that connection Friday, when forensic scientist Alan Keel, who was using terms such as "heterozygote" and "homozygote" as the clock approached 5 p.m., returns to the stand. He's expected to say Clemens' DNA was found on the materials McNamee saved.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	28	17	.622	—
Tampa Bay	27	18	.600	1
Toronto	24	21	.533	4
New York	23	21	.523	4 1/2
Boston	22	22	.500	5 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	26	18	.591	—
Chicago	23	22	.511	3 1/2
Detroit	20	24	.455	6
Kansas City	17	26	.395	8 1/2
Minnesota	15	29	.341	11
West Division				
Texas	27	18	.600	—
Oakland	22	23	.489	5
Los Angeles	21	25	.457	6 1/2
Seattle	21	26	.447	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	26	18	.591	—
Atlanta	26	20	.565	1
Miami	24	21	.533	2 1/2
New York	24	21	.533	2 1/2
Philadelphia	23	23	.500	4
Central Division				
Cincinnati	25	19	.568	—
St. Louis	25	20	.556	1/2
Houston	21	23	.477	4
Pittsburgh	20	24	.455	5
Milwaukee	18	26	.409	7
Chicago	15	29	.341	10
West Division				
Los Angeles	30	14	.682	—
San Francisco	24	21	.533	6 1/2
Arizona	20	25	.444	10 1/2
Colorado	16	27	.372	13 1/2
San Diego	17	29	.370	14

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Patz seizes 2nd Islander Tag Team 8-Ball plum

Patz's Pat Taitano and Pat Cepeda collected their second Islander Tag Team 8-Ball Tournament title at 19th Hole Bar last Saturday evening.

Cepeda was unable to attend the awards ceremony and dinner due to a death in the family.

The duo took care of business with a 5-4 win over Tasi's Annie Tesiro and Ken Phillips to finish the season.

The Elaus team of Taylor Watanabe and John Mongami held off hard-charging Rick Rengiil and Norman Tenorio of YNOT, 4-3, to take second place.

YNOT won, 4-3, over Whatever's Walt Sutherland and Rose Phillips and triumphed over Shotlokker's Rodney Aldan and William Hurt, 5-3, in make-up games, but could not catch the leaders.

Patz finished the series with 35 points, Elaus 31, and YNOT 30. Oneshot's Ron Chisato and Ed Suzuki took fourth place with 28 points, followed by IDC's Quinton Ngirarois and Welson Apaisang, Tasi, Shotlokker, and Watever.

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Patz's Pat Taitano, left, and Pat Cepeda, seen here in a file photo, received their prize for winning the 19th Hole Bar's second Islander Tag Team 8-Ball tournament last Saturday.

Pacific Amusement provided trophies for the first through fifth place teams, as well as pool cues for a raffle drawing. Pacific Trading, Co. also provided prizes for the raffle.

The Patz team also split $80 in prize money, with $48 going to Elaus and $32 for YNOT.

Saipan Billiards Association members and other pool players were also invited. Rick Elefante of 19th Hole's Saipan Billiards Association-Obyan division champion Titans joined in the spoils by winning the single-elimination tournament that followed the awards presentation. Apaisang took second place.

Entries are being accepted for the third edition of the Islander Tag Team 8-Ball Tournament. The sign-up sheet is posted at 19th Hole, which is located in Lower Navy Hill. Coming from Garapan it is on the right side of Middle Road just before the Bank of Hawaii traffic light.

The format is configured as a single-round robin with three best-of-three games series, every Saturday and Sunday, starting at 7:30pm. Each team member plays a singles match followed by a double pairing, with each win scored as one point. Cash prizes go to the Top 3 finishers, plus trophies for the Top 5 place finishers.

In addition to billiards, they offer darts and free wifi Internet. The 19th Hole is open daily from 4pm to 2am and features the Rock Island Band starting at 9pm every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

For more information, contact Rose or Ken Phillips at 788-5929. ***(PR)***

PALAU

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and pass while tip-toeing on the baseline went to a Palau player.

With less than 30 seconds to go, CNMI 1 fouled Palau four times to get into penalty and when it finally did get into bonus the foul that led them there was an advantage foul.

Shonty Ubedei would make only 1 of 2, but in the ensuing Palau possession CNMI 1 fouled Ngchar who made it a 4-point game, 69-65, before misfiring on his second free throw.

CNMI 1 could only heave a desperation 3-pointer as time expired.

It was a close game from the very start with No. 2 seed CNMI 1 taking a 19-16 lead after the first quarter.

The home team would enjoy as much as a 7-point advantage in the second, but No. 3 Palau battled back and was only down by a point, 36-37, at halftime.

Behind some inspired play from Aranda and De Guzman, CNMI 1 got the better of Palau in the third, 53-49, and seemed headed for the sure win in the fourth before the visitors made their rally to shock the team and their throng of supporters at the Ada Gym.

Ngchar led all scorers with 22 points, while Edward Baysa added 15. De Guzman fired 17 in the loss with Aranda and Mizer tossing in 15 and 14 in the loss.

In the earlier boys Final Four, Guam locked down the first semis slot after repeating against a tough Tinian squad, 86-66.

Like their first encounter Wednesday, which was incidentally won by Guam 74-53, Tinian gave the U.S. territory a lot of fits with their physical play.

Guam led 26-12 after quarter No. 1 behind the 16 combined points of 6'3" slotman Michael Sakazaki and high-leaping forward Rashaun Blas.

Tinian, however, continued to tug on the coattails of the powerhouse team and with Dairus Pettis fired 5 points, Guam's lead was just 15, 46-31, at the break.

Guam finally flexed its muscles in the third and threatened to run away with the match as Sakazaki had all sorts of open looks inside, pumping in 10 in the period as Guam led 46-31 heading into the fourth.

Tinian, however, hung around and managed to slice Guam's lead bit by bit. With Pettis teaming up with Lucios Sanchez for all but 6 of Tinian's 18 points in the fourth, coach Keith Nabors' crew gave Guam its slimmest margin of victory in the competition at 20 points.

Big boys Blas and Sakazaki combined for 47 points to lead Guam, while Pettis and Sanchez unloaded 17 apiece in the loss, which relegated Tinian to the battle for third.

The Palau-Guam boys finals will be played starting 4pm today at the Ada Gym. The battle for third between CNMI 1 and Tinian will start at 12pm.

Guam 86 – Blas 25, Sakazaki 22, Sammy Setik 9, Onedera 9, Oledan 6, Dilma 4, Sam Setik 4, Quichocho 2, Taitano 2.

Tinian 66 – Pettis 17, Sanchez 17, Babauta 11, Maui 7, Sablan 4, Borja 3.

Scoring by quarters: 26-12, 46-31, 70-48, 86-66.

Palau 68 – Ngchar 23, Baysa 15, Wilter 8, Carlson 6, Ubedei 3, Yaoch 2, Isao 2.

CNMI 1 65 – De Guzman 17, Aranda 15, Mizer 14, Tudela 11, Alegre 8.

Scoring by quarters: 16-19, 36-37, 49-53, 69-65.

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Craig Aguon and Jerald Cabrera reached on a base hit and a fielder's choice and were delivered home by a double by Nathan Camacho after being moved into scoring position by Roke Tenorio.

Ol'Aces' Mike Muna was then stranded at second base in the bottom portion.

A 1-2-3 inning by the Ol'Aces out in the field was then answered by three strikeouts from the rubber by Red Sox's Camacho in the second inning. The Red Sox then worked around its third run in the top of the third off an RBI single by Jose Tyquinco that brought home Tenorio for a 3-0 lead.

Ol'Aces pitcher Giovanni Taitingfong picked him off at first base to end the inning, but the damage was already done and the Ol'Aces' struggles at the plate continued for the remainder of the contest.

The Ol'Aces managed to get runners on second and third base in the bottom frame, but Camacho bit down on the mound and got out of the jam.

The Ol'Aces still didn't back down, however, as runs were at a premium in this postseason pitching duel, but Red Sox's Camacho prevailed and went all seven innings scoreless, giving up just three hits and four walks to go with six strikeouts. He stranded seven runners, four in scoring position, while his defense bagged eight ground outs and six fly outs in the game.

Falcons 11, Jets 1

Falcons' Derek Naog broke the ice in the second frame after drawing a leadoff walk and teammate James Kintaro tripled in Franklin Lizama soon after in the third inning, while pitcher Alfonso Evangelista went into cruise control on the hump.

Evangelista dealt 3 2/3 scoreless innings without allowing a hit, but handed the ball over to Kintaro to close out the fourth after exceeding his pitch limit.

Kintaro rang up the next two batters and his teammates pushed ahead, 6-0, in the bottom of the inning off three hits.

Juan Quitugua pulled the cord with a leadoff single and teammate Frankie Lifoifoi drew a pass, which set up a two-RBI double for Ian Norita. Then a walk later, Barry Sunumai delivered another two-RBI two-bagger that brought Norita and Evangelista to the dish.

The Jets' lone run came from Jason Villagomez who reached off an error to start the fifth and later stole home, but the Falcons worked around the five runs needed for the early decision in the bottom frame.

A pair of costly leadoff walks set the stage for a two-RBI double by Lifoifoi who scored later off an error.

Norita also reached and scored off errors, after which Lizama cranked the walk-off single, scoring Evangelista for the win.

Lizama batted 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run, while the Jets were held hitless through five frames against the Falcons pitching duo. They managed just two other runners and briefly touched second base twice.

On the other side the Falcons were issued eight free passes that went with nine hits.

MATANSA

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goals of Matansa, while the lone net stab by Shirley's was courtesy of Edwin Kim.

In the other semifinals, Tan Holdings shut out Matansa's U15 girls team, 2-0, to advance to the title game.

Louie Bryle Calayag found the back of the net twice for Tan Holdings, first hitting pay dirt in the 24th minute before putting the game out of reach of Matansa's U15 girls with another goal in the 44th minute.

Women's League

In the 2012 Women's 11 Aside, Shirley's FC nipped Paire FC, 1-0, on a goal from Charlene Lizardo in the 69th minute.

The other women's 11 game resulted in a forfeit in favor of MP United as Matansa FC didn't had enough players.

Men's League

In the 2012 Men's Spring League, Tan Holdings FC and Wild Bill's scored wins, while Sky and MP United finished in a draw.

Tan Holdings beat Inter FC, 3-1, with Joe Miller nearly completing a hat trick. He scored the game's first goal in the 8th minute and added another seven minutes later.

It would be 3-0 when Jun Jie Cui struck in the 52nd minute before Inter averted a shutout when Peter Loken scored in the 81st.

Wild Bill's, meanwhile, threw everything but the kitchen sink on Shirley's FC and won in a lopsided score of 6-0.

Scoring goals for Wild Bill's were Jeeraphong Thoensaket (twice), Lar Wangpaya, Thanyakorn Konkoed, Ian Iimov, and Norman Camacho.

Sky and MP, meanwhile, matched each other's goals and went home tied. Zheng Xu scored two goals for Sky, while Young Ha Huang and Ja Hyun Lee accounted for the other two.

Jehn Joyner, meanwhile, completed a hat trick for MP United with Yishan Wang credited for the other goal.

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CNMI 1's Keolani Rios waxed hot in the third, connecting on two 3-pointers en route to scoring 10 points, while Williams was again at it firing 6, as CNMI 1 opened up a 67-13 spread heading into the fourth stanza.

It was all over but the shouting, as both coaches emptied their benches in the fourth. CNMI 2 managed to narrow the gap, as CNMI 1 only outscored them by 4 in the last 10 minutes of the contest but the nonetheless the final score was still one-sided.

Williams led the victors with 18 points, while Rios and Mendoza added 14 and 10, respectively.

Chave Alipio led CNMI 2 in the loss with 8, while Marlene Lumbao chipped in 6.

In the earlier girls semifinals, Guam blanked Tinian in the third quarter en route to a 101-18 domination of Tinian, also at the Ada Gym.

The undefeated powerhouse team led from the get-go, growing a 18-5 spread after the opening quarter to a 54-11 lead at the break.

Guam then went on a 24-0 tear in the third, effectively shutting down Tinian's offense and having their way on both sides of the floor.

Tinian managed to score 7 points in the fourth, but not before allowing 21 points to the U.S. territory as Guam won by a laugher.

Kali Benavente led a parade of Guam players in double figures with 17, while Regene Palacios was relatively quiet as defenders swarmed at her like bees, totaling only 10.

The CNMI 1-Guam girls championship game is set for 2pm today. The battle for third between CNMI 2 and Tinian is set earlier at 10am.

Guam 101 – Benavente 19, Pangilinan 17, Castro 14, Bunto 12, Quitugua 11, San Nicolas 9, Mendiola 8, Duenas 5, Yeban 4, Rupley 2.

Tinian 18 – Palacios 10, Borja 4, Nededog 2, Aldan 3.

Scoring by quarters: 18-5, 54-11, 80-11, 101-18.

CNMI 1 82 – Williams 14, Rios 14, Mendoza 10, Samson 8, Kautz 8, Lebria 7, Gozon 7, R. Kautz 4, Echavez 2, Ito 2, Abrams 2.

CNMI 2 24 – Alipio 8, Lumbao 6, Francisco 2, Santiago 2, Abantao 2, Garon 2, Canedo 1, Samson 1.

Scoring by quarters: 26-2, 44-11, 67-13, 82-24.

Wade scores 41, Heat eliminate Pacers

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Palau nips CNMI, advances to finals

» Comeback assures visitors championship berth vs Guam

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Palau rallied to a heart-stopping 69-65 victory over CNMI 1 in their semifinal game in the boys 17-and-under Micronesian Basketball Tournament match yesterday to forge a winner-take-all championship match against undefeated Guam today at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The visitors outscored the home team, 15-4, in the final 7:35 of the match. After CNMI 1 went up 61-53 on a Jaymark De Guzman hanging layup, Palau kicked off the rally with a deuce by hotshot Marvic Ngchar and was followed by two more buckets

Bryle Alegre put some sense back into CNMI 1's reeling offense when he scored following an assist by Jack Aranda to make it 63-57 with about five minutes to go in the ballgame.

But that proved to be just delaying the inevitable, as Ngchar went on a personal 6-0 run that knotted the game at 63-all.

The 5'9" swingman started it by swooshing a triple and then following a steal converted on a layup while being fouled. He made the extra charity, as CNMI 1 coach Omar Ajoste sued for time.

The timeout failed to break Palau's momentum though as Ngchar again hit from inside to make it 65-63 in their favor with 2:57 left on the clock.

While Christian Mizer tied it up at 65-all with a pair of free throws, CNMI 1 said goodbye to its finals chances when Raddison Dorado—the smallest player in the court—made a circus shot that made it 67-65 with 1:18 to go.

The final minute was marked by an exchange of turnovers and CNMI 1 misfiring from near and far.

The home team had a chance to tie it but De Guzman's steal

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A Palau player scoots in for a layup in their 17-and-under Micronesian Basketball Tournament semifinal game against CNMI 1 last night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MARK RABAGO

CNMI 1 forward Glorily Williams goes up for a layup in their game against CNMI 2 in the girls U17 MBT yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CNMI 1, Guam will contest girls title

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CNMI 1 took the second finals seat in the girls 17-and-under Micronesian Basketball Tournament after thumping sister team CNMI 2, 82-24, yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Commonwealth's junior national team got off to a jackrabbit start and nearly prevented CNMI 2 from scoring.

With Glorily Williams punching in 8 and Jaime Mendoza adding 6 points, CNMI 1 took the life out of their counterparts and led 26-2 after one quarter.

CNMI 2 managed 9 points in the second period, but it didn't do to well on the defensive end, allowing CNMI 1 to double them up and as a result they trailed 44-11 at the break.

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Red Sox trumps Ol'Aces, advances to Junior finals

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Lefty pitcher Nathan Camacho marched Bank of Saipan-Red Sox into the Junior Division title game after shutting out pennant champion Hawaiya Technologies, Inc.-Ol'Aces, 3-0, in the semifinals of the Saipan Little League age group Thursday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Knocked down hard, but not out, Ol'Aces still has a chance to get another crack at the only team to beat them in the regular season. However, they will have to go through the Natibu Sports Association-Talaabwogh Falcons, which scurried past Saipan Shipping Company-Jets, 11-1, in the lower bracket elimination match held under the lights later that same evening.

Ol'Aces are scheduled to take on the Falcons tomorrow at noon where the winner moves on to challenge the Red Sox in Sunday's championship also scheduled for midday.

The Senior League lower bracket semifinal is scheduled for 9am tomorrow morning between the IT&E-Fielders and Juan Santiago's Jets II. The winner will stick around and face off with the Natibu-Talaabwogh Falcons in the lower bracket semifinals at 3pm. The winner of that game then advances to Sunday's 3pm finals appointment with the top-ranked Docomo Pacific-Ol'Aces.

Big League pennant champion Docomo-Ol'Aces, meanwhile, will take the field for the start of Sunday's championship triple feature against the Paradise Island Animal Hospital-Hustlers in a rematch of last year's title bout at 9am.

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Red Sox lefty pitcher Nathan Camacho, seen here in a file photo, three-hit top-ranked Ol'Aces last Thursday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield to punch his team's ticket into the Junior Division championship match.

Red Sox 3, Ol'Aces 0

The Red Sox scored broke out of the gate for two quick runs in the first inning off three hits.

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MARK RABAGO

A Shirley's Football Club U12 player tries to get the ball away from a Matansa Football Club U12 defender during their semifinal game in the boys and girls U12 division last Wednesday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Matansa U12, Tan Holdings U12 advance to championship

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Matansa Football Club U12 and Tan Holdings Football Club U12 will duel for the championship of the NMIFA Cup boys and girls U12 division after turning back separate opponents last Wednesday at the Hopwood Junior High School field.

Matansa took on Shirley's Football Club U12 and outlasted their fellow semifinalist, 2-1. Josh De Leon and Ronnel Ocanada accounted for the two

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